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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	1903.
* EGYPT	7912	J. Chellew	28th Feb.
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H. Gordon	7th March
* PENINSULAR	5094	T. Leigh	14th "
M.L. EGYPT	7912	J. Chellew	21st "
* MASSILIA	5011	G W Cockman	28th "
M.L. ARABIA	7903	J. L. Parfitt	4th April
* PENINSULAR	7294	T. Leigh	11th "
M.L. BRITANNIA	6525	F. H. Seymour	18th "
* MASSILIA	5011	G. W. Cockman	25th "
M.L. PERSIA	7951	W. A. Wheler	2nd May
* PENINSULAR	5094	T. Leigh	9th "
M.L. CALEDONIA	7558	E. H Gordon	16th "

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Tenders leave the Ballard Pier on day of sailing. All Passengers must attend at that place between 11-30 A.M. and 12-30 P.M., for medical inspection by the Health Officer of the Port, and no one will be allowed on board the Mail Steamer unless so examined and conveyed thence in the Company's steam barges. Special attention is directed to these regulations, which are imperative under the Venice Convention.

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F. RITCHIE,
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Bombay, 22nd November, 1902.

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BOMBAY TO TRIESTE VIA ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on
IMPERATRIX	C. Bellen	4,194	1st Mar, 1903.
IMPERATOR	P. Ivellich	4619	1st April 1903.

PASSAGE MONEY.

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	Deck.
TRIESTE OR VENICE	Fls. 600,	Fls. 325,	Fls. 150.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
TRIESTE	E. Masconi	5,095	18th Mar. 1903
b AUSTRIA	P. Colledani	6,300	26th Mar. 1903
MAR. BACQUEHEM	T. Russevich	4,469	15th April 1903
a b FRANZ FERDINAND	A. Martinolich	6,043	17th May 1903

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Bombay, 29th February, 1903.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
B. BALDUINO	4,580	G. Canepa	16th Mar. 1903.
R. RUBATTINO	4,580	M. Saporiti	15th April, 1903.
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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on
CAPRI	6,000	G. Belsito	17th Mar. 1903,
ISCHIA	6,000	A. Muzio	17th April 1903.

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T. KUSUMOTO,
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Mavani Buildings, Fort, Bombay, 17th February 1903.

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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED,
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S. S. "KISTNA," 1,182 tons, on FRIDAY, the 27th February, at 2 p.m., or later, on arrival of the English Mail.

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S. S. "DWARKA," 1,695 tons, on TUESDAY, the 3rd March, at 10 a.m., calling at Veraval, Mangrole, Porebunder, Cutch Mandvie and Kurrachee in the foregoing or any order (weather permitting.)

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FOR KURRACHEE DIRECT.

S. S. "KOLA," 1,192 tons, on 26th February, at 10 a.m.

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FOR COAST PORTS AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. "SCINDIA," 2,729 tons, on or about 1st March.

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To sail on THURSDAY,
OCEANIEN	4,259	Guigues	12th Mar. 1903.
ERNEST SIMONS	5,707	Dupuy Fromy	9th Apr. 1903.
TONKIN	6,363	Schmitz	7th May 1903.

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CAMEMBERT, real, in Glass Jars each	1	4
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CHESHIRE ENGLISH ..... "	1	0
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GRUYERE, finest quality ..... "	1	0

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MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay upto 2 P.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of March, 1903, for the SUPPLY of SANDSTONE excavated without the limits of the Island of Bombay, (I) for one year from 1st March, 1903, to 29th February, 1904, and (II) for three years from 1st March, 1903, to 28th February, 1906.

2 Forms of contract, specification, &c., may, on payment of Re. one for each, be obtained from the Undersigned who will on application give any further information that may be required.

3. The tender for one year will have to be accompanied by a deposit of Rs 500, and the tender for three years by a deposit of Rs 1,000.

4 The successful tenderer for one year will have to lodge a further deposit of Rs. 500 and that for three years a further deposit of Rs. 2,000 in the event of his tender being accepted.

5. The deposits in either case will have to be in cash or Public Securities and will be forfeited in case of withdrawal of tender or of refusal to sign the contract.

6. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order of the Municipal Commissioner,

M. C. MURZBAN, F.R.I.B.A., M.I.C.E., Executive Engineer, Municipality.

Executive Engineer's Office, Bombay, 24th February, 1903.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

REGATTA FIRST DAY, SATURDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY 1903.

THE Following RACES will be SAILED:—

GOVERNOR'S CUP RACE.—For Yachts of any size on the R. B. Y. C. list. A Handicap Race to start with time in hand.

Entrance fee, Rs. 10. 1st Prize a Cup presented by H. E. Lord Northcote; 2nd Prize Rs. 10; 3rd Prize Rs. 50. Course No. 12; distance. 11-7 miles. First Yacht to start at 2-30. P.M.

GOVERNOR'S CUP RACE.—For Boats of the "Tomtit Class."

Entrance fee, Rs. 5. First Prize, a Cup presented by H. E. Lord Northcote; 2nd Prize, Rs. 10.; 3rd Prize Rs. 25. Course No. 3 (reversed) distance. 10-6 miles. Start at 2-45 P. M.

N.-B.—By the kind permission of FRANK RITCHIE, Esq., the P. & O. Steamer "Guicowar" is placed at the disposal of the Sailing Committee and will leave the Apollo Bunder at 3 P. M., taking such Members and their guests as may wish to follow the above Races.

Light refreshments will be obtainable on board the steamer.

CONDITIONS.

The Races will be held under the Sailing Rules and Regulations of the Club which will be strictly adhered to—Copies of Rules, etc., may be had at the Club office on application.

All Entries which should be made on the prescribed forms must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary of the Sailing Committee at least 48 hours prior to noon of the day for starting each race. Printed forms of entry may be had on application at the Club office. Owners who require Certificates of rating for their Yachts are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary or Hon. Measurer who will arrange times for measuring.

In all races second prizes will be withheld unless there are five starters. Third prizes will be withheld unless there are seven starters.

R. H. H. HOPKINS, Acting Hon. Secy. Sailing Committee.

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APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE EDUCATIONAL INSPECTORS.

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(I) School Method and Management. (II) History of Education. (III) Psychology. } For Senior Students preparing for the Government Teacher's Examination.

(I) School Method and Management. (II) Hygiene. } For Junior Students.

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English, Mathematics, Literature, French, History, Geography, Elementary Hygiene, Needle-work, Cooking. } For Candidates for the Entrance Examination (who have not passed Matriculation).

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Drawing Certificate Examination—In April.

Vere Foster's Drawing Competition—In September.

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Practical Teaching and Class Management } In October or November.

Musical Knowledge (Trinity College) In December.

Entrance Examination In July

3 Scholarships are awarded to successful Students,

The above Certificates satisfy the requirements of the Government Educational Department and qualify the recipients to teach the optional subjects required by the Code in every efficient Government School.

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AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE BUILDING PLOTS ON THE WODEHOUSE ROAD AND COLABA CAUSEWAY.

Under instructions from the Trustees of the City of Bombay Improvement Trust, Messrs. BENNETT & Co. will, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 3-30 p.m., sell by Public Auction, on the site, the following valuable building sites for the term of 99 years :—

	Plot No.	Building area.	Garden space.	Total
Wodehouse Road	11A	885 sq. yds.	526·71	= 1411·83
Colaba Causeway	11C	989 „ „	579·70	= 1569·16

Plot No. 11A will be leased for residential purposes only but plot No. 11C may be utilised as a shop on the ground floor facing the Causeway and for residential purposes or offices.

Plan for sites, conditions of sale, building conditions, form of lease, and all further particulars can be had on application to the Trust Engineer, Albert Building, Hornby Row, or to the Undersigned.

On SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 1 p.m. Messrs BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at Middle Colaba, near the Post Office, very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved furniture, made to order by Roberts and others, rich glassware and porcelain-ware by Treacher and Co., best plated-ware by Elkington and Reed and Barton drawing room suit, cabinets, large chiffoneers with mirror back, dressing and wash-hand tables, iron and brass single and double bedsteads, glass door book cases, Singapore chairs, one sweet-toned square piano by Soundy and Co., one harmonium, Singer's sewing machine, rich table ornaments, one large cabinet ice-box with filter, iron safe, perambulator gentleman and lady's bicycles, garden-plants in tubs and pots, garden benches, etc., the property of THOMAS GAHAGAN, Esq.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

On SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods

1 set of Encyclopædia Britannica, 25 vols. complete with revolving book-stand.

1 set 20 volumes International Library of famous Literature.

The property of Brigadier General M. Black :—

Consisting of handsome painted dessert sets, child's saddle with bridle, garden syringe pair of field glasses in case, camp-saddle horse, camp beds, one single pole tent weighing 30 lbs., one Martini-Henry single barrelled carbine rifle, one double barrelled pin fire gun, 12 bore by Gibbs Bristol, one air gun, Croquet and Badminton sets, puff billiard board and appertenances complete, &c.

AT 1-30 P. M.

1 handsome strong-built victoria on half cee spring with rubber tyred wheels.

1 handsome strong-built dog-cart by Stephens.

1 powerful bay waler, 16 hands, 6 years, quiet to ride and drive.

1 handsome strong-built victoria with a grey Arab, 14-1, 5 years, and a set of brass mounted harness.

1 pair of hard working chestnut geldings, 14-2, going in single and double harness also in saddle.

On TUESDAY, the 3rd prox. at 1 p.m. Messrs. BENNETT and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at "Admiralty House," Marine Lines, next to B. B. and C. I. Railway Office, very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood substantial made entire suits of dining, drawing, bed and office room furniture of the latest design, rich glass and porcelainware by Treacher and Co., best plated ware, rich table ornaments, one cottage piano by Kennedy and Co., one Mahogany billiard table with balls, cues and marking board, &c., complete, rich Persian and Brussels carpets, China and Satsuma flower vases, first rate pictures, table and hanging wind proof lamps, marble clock, iron and brass single and double bedsteads, single and double bevelled glass door almyrah, marble top tables, one iron safe, one handsome strong-built rubber tyred victoria, one handsome strong rubber tyred cabriolet, one powerful grey Arab horse young and fast, a collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots, &c. &c. the property of H. E. Rear Admiral Sir CHARLES C. DRURY.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

Property of other gentlemen :—

1 bay arab 14 1, showy, quiet, free from vice and bad mark, strong, young and fast, goes in harness.

1 strong high-wheeled dog-cart.

1 handsome strong English-built victoria in very good order.

1 handsome iron grey Arab horse, 14-1, 5 years, quiet in saddle and harness.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 25th February, 1903.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF RAILWAY PLANT STORES, &c. &c. at the B. B. and C.I. Railway Company's Stores Depot, Parel.

Messrs MENESSE & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on MONDAY the 9th March, 1903 and the following days at 1 p.m. each day until the whole is disposed of, at the B. B. & C. I. Railway Company's Stores Depot, Parel :—

A quantity of Railway plant, stores, &c. &c. consisting of hose leather delivery bellows, forges, cross-signs, old files, India-rubber scrap, beaters, and picks, bolts and nuts, rivets ties bars, drum kegs, acid jars, lamps of sorts, leather scrap, weighing machines, old rail pieces, steel scrap such as ferrules, coiled keys, tanks, sluice valves, bridge materials, girders, zinc scrap, pumps of sorts, machinery parts, and miscellaneous other stores.

The materials have been already weighed and the weighment marked on each lot, and purchasers must accept this as final.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required when the lots are knocked down, and the balance must be paid and the goods removed away within one month, failing which the same will be sold on account and risk of the first purchasers

A monthly rent of Rs. 2 per square yard will be charged by the Company as ground rent on all lots that are not removed within the stipulated time allowed for their removal.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 25th February, 1903.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

BONA-FIDE Sale of Mr. T. A. Bland's Furniture will take place THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 25th, instead of to-morrow, Thursday, the 26th instant, as previously advertised.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Lord's End Road, Malabar Hill, next to H. H the Agakhan's bungalow the valuable and handsome black-wood and teakwood dining room, drawing room and bedroom furniture, rich crockery and glassware, sweet-toned sympathetic square piano by Rose and Co., Persian carpets, first rate engravings, table ornaments, Hink's and Dimnal's table and hanging lamps, garden plants in pots, etc, the property of T. A. BLAND, Esq., Solicitor.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

GRAND AUCTION SALE.
A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 26th and FRIDAY, the 27th instant at 1 p.m., each day, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Green Street, Fort, opposite the Bombay Bank, on the first floor of the premises lately occupied by the B. I. S. N. Co. (where the whole kit has been removed for sale), by order of the concerned, very valuable dining, drawing, office and bedroom furniture, cut glass and engraved monogram glassware, rich porcelainware, best plated ware by Elkington, Mappin and Webb and others, marble top tables and teapoys, one table with pier glass, open carved chiffoniers, cabinets, gold gilt, chest of drawers, glass door glass cupboards, mahogany dining table for 28 persons, single and double bedsteads, German silver and copper mess utensils, chairs and tables, time pieces, gold and silver watches, sarsana, marble, dresden, bronze, Persian, majolica and Bohemian table ornaments, oil paintings and engravings, teakwood square piano by Soundy, expressly made for India, musical boxes, standing table and hanging lamps, mandoline, cuto harp, fiddle, table covers, hall pillars, reading screen, doubledoor English-made large size safe with Chubb's lock on stand, 1 to 8 light gas and candle chandeliers, 2 to 5 light candelabas, large size carpets, square piano by Richard Lipp in good order, English and marble clocks, lady's and gent's bicycl s, three quarter size mahogany billiard table with balls and cues, valuable books, marble chairs and elephant figures, cooking stoves, garden pots, chairs and tables, American organ, etc.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

SALE OF 25 CASES CHAMPAGNE.

TO-MCRROW, THURSDAY, the 26th instant, at 3 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at the unclaimed warehouse, Victoria Dock, on account and at the risk of the underwriters :—

A D 15 cases Champagne } Landed damaged, ex s. s.
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SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY ON NOWROJEE ROAD IN SMALL COLABA IN BAZAR.

On SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the Mortgagee, Mooljee Gowanjee and another, and on account and at the risk of the Mortgagor, Apajee Khundapa Vani, in pursuance of the power of sale given in the Indenture of Mortgage, dated the 17th day of October, 1901, the following property, viz :—

All that piece or parcel of land or ground, with the messuage tenement or dwelling house built thereon, together with the rights over the passage for carrying foul water of the premises, situate on the north side of Nowrojee Road in Small Colaba in Bazar, in the Registration Sub-district and City of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 38 square yards or thereabouts, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 85, New No. 4774, Old Survey No. 49 and New Survey No. 1-3624, and assessed by the Collector of Assessment under Street No. 4 and A ward No. 773, and bounded on the East by the house of Nosserwanjee Nanrojee Kanga, on the West by the house of Mowjee Nanjee Khimji, on the North by the property lately belonging to Alloo Paroo and now of Limbajee, Banajee and on the South by the Nowrojee Road as aforesaid, and the same premises have been in the occupation of the Mortgagor and his tenants.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the Undersigned,

On SUNDAY, the 1st proximo, at 2 p.m. Messrs CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Bandora, near St. Andrews' Church, next to Dr. Fernandez, Dispensary, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, plated ware, crockery and glassware, table ornaments, pictures, carpets, table and hanging lamps, etc. the property of Miss FERRY DESOUSA, and the late Mrs. C. WALSH.

The property will be on view three days before the sale.

Under instructions from the Administrator-General Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, on MONDAY, the 2nd proximo at 3 p.m. the effects of the late Captain J. W. Bennett, consisting of wearing apparel, telescope, sextants, compasses, banjo, gold studs, jewels and magazines, a box of St. Julien claret, and sundry articles.

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LONDON, FEBRUARY 23.

SECURITIES—		
2½ per cent. Consols ...	£92 5/16	= — 1/16
3 per cent. Rentes ...	£99 3/4	= — 1/4
3½ per cent. Indian Sterling Loan ...	£107 1/2	= Unchanged
3½ per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper ...	£6	= + 1/4
SILVER—		
Spot in London ...	22 1/8	= Unchanged
2 months hence ...	22 1/4	= — 1/16
Spot in New York ...		=
EXCHANGES—		
Paris Cheques ...	25·16	= — 1/2
Berlin „ ...	20·21	= + 1/2
New York Demand ...		=
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England ...	4 per ct	= Unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills ...	3 5/8 per ct	= + 1/8
4 „ „ „ „ ...	3 3/8 per ct	= Unchanged
4 months sight Fine Trade Bills ...	3 7/8 per ct	= „
6 months sight Fine Trade Bills ...	3 7/8 per ct	= „
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans ...	3 5/8 per ct	=
7 day market loans ...	3 5/8 per ct	= + 1/8

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £100,000

Extra Council Bills allotments—Transfers on Bombay, Rs. 3,00,000 at 1s. 4 5-32d.

Sugar.—German granulated 1st marks 9 9-16, Feb-Mar. Firm.

Rubber.—Para Rubber, 3s. 8 1-4d.

Wheat—Club No 1 31. March-April, Hull. Steady

Rapeseed Yellow Gujarat 36 1-2, Feb.-Mar. Sellers. Tone easier.

Rapeseed Yellow Cawnpore, 35 1-2, Feb.-Mar. Sellers. Tone easier.

Linseed Bold 43 1-2, February-March, Sellers. Tone easier.

Arrivals.—Steamer Imperator.

In Liverpool.—

Cotton Market closed firm. Surats quiet. Manchester firm. Total sales 10,000. Spot 5·38 plus 2, Sold on speculation and for Export 1,000. Imports 14,000. Arrivals closed quiet.

Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-Apl.	Apl.-May.	May-June.
5·21	5 21	5·23	5·24
June-July	July.-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.
5·25	5·24	5·12	4 84	4 61

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 48 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Monday, 23rd February 1903 :—

Cotton ...	29,020 bales.
Wheat ...	25,104 cwts.
Linseed ...	15,537 „
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds ...	2,468 „
Gingellyseed ...	29,100 „
Poppyseed ...	246 „
Groundnuts ...	988 „
Castorseed ...	3,784 „
Rice ...	3,784 „
Myrabollams ...	4,097 „
Cottonseed ...	51,579 „

BOMBAY, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24.

EXCHANGE—Tone firm.

Bank T. T. ...	1s. 4 1-8d.
Bank Demand ...	1s. 4 1-8d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A. ...	1s. 4 5-16d
Do 6 do do ...	1s. 4 7-16d
French Francs 3 do do ...	171
Marks 3 do do ...	139 1-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight. ...	115
Shanghai 30 do do ...	158
Japan 30 do do ...	149 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent—Tone firm.

Cash	Rs.	98 7
1st Settlement	Rs.	98 8
2nd do.	Rs.	98 12

Money Market—Tone firm.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since 2nd October		4 per cent
Bank of Bombay do. 19th February		8 do.
Bank of Bengal do. 19th do.		8 do.
Bank of Madras do. 10th do.		8 do.

SEEDS.

	Rs.	a.
Linseed.—Tone quiet.		
Ready	7	5
Forward April-May	7	5
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.		
Brown Cawnpore Ready ...	5	7
Do. Forward April-May.	5	7
Yellow Cawnpore April-May	5	13
Do. Gujarat Forward, April-May ...	7	6
Poppyseed.—Tone quiet.		
Ready	7	12
Forward April-May ...	7	5
Castorseed—Tone quiet.		
Ready	22	1-2
Forward April-May. ...	23	1-2
Groundnuts—Tone quiet.		
Ready	34	1-4
Gingellyseed.—Tone dull.		
15 per cent. Mxd. Ready ...	33	1-2
25 „ „ „ ...	33	0
50 „ „ „ ...	31	0
Black Kutnee „ „ ...	30	0

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone ... Quiet but steady.
Estimated sales ... 10,000
Total imports ... 85,000

Feb.-March	March-April.	April-May	May June.
5·21	5·21	5·22	5·24
		—1	
June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.	Sep.-Oct	Oct.-Nov.
5·25	5·24	5·12	4 84	4 61

COTTON.—The market remains steady with all official quotations unchanged. There is a fair inquiry at Colaba for ready cotton and a moderate business is reported. The Satta market is rather easier and Broach M. G. good, "25th March, is now quoted Rs. 2·12.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.
LONDON, FEBRUARY 23.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed :—firm.

Surats :—quiet

Good Bhowngger ... 4 5-32

The Manchester Market has been firm.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols ... 92 5-16
3 per cent Rentes ... 99 3-4
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan ... 107 1-2
5 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers ... 66
Bar Silver ... 22 1-8

The sum of about £100,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

DIVINE SERVICE.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-45 a.m.—Matins.
4-30 p.m.—Litany and Communion.
Matins daily at 7-15 during Lent.
Litany—Wednesdays and Fridays at 4-30 p.m.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

6 p.m.—Communion Service.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

6-30 p.m.—Confirmation by the Lord Bishop of Bombay.

ST. NICHOLAS' CHURCH, PRINCE'S DOCK.

7-30 a.m.—Matins and Litany.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Communion Service.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

DEATHS.

PELL—February 16, at 9, Middleton Row, Calcutta, Christine the wife of Henry Higgins Pell.

SEQUEIRA—February 15, Conderset, the dearly loved son of Mr V Sequeira, aged 14 years.

SEQUEIRA—February 15, Gracian, the dearly loved son of Mr V Sequeira, aged 19 years.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 23m., Sun sets, 6h. 4m. High water 10-25m., 11-18s. Low water, 4-34m. 4-15s.

Bank Holiday.

Bombay Hunt, Cross Roads Melon Ground.

Harmston's Circus.

Bombay Gymkhana, Half Yearly General Meeting, 6 p.m.

Prize Distribution, Residential Quarters for Poor Parsees, Tardeo, 4-30 p. m.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamers Euphrates, Karachi, and Vienna entered the dock yesterday, and the steamer Nowshera left on Monday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamer Pekin entered the dock yesterday and the steamer Idar left on Monday.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Singapore, China, and Japan, per extra s. s. Idzumi Maru, will be closed at the General Post Office at 5 a.m. on Friday, the 27th February.

THE STUDENTS, BROTHERHOOD.—A public lecture will be given in the Prarthna Samaj Hall Girgaum at 5-30 to-day. Subject :—Temperance and Purity in Acts and Methods. Lecturer :—Babu Bipin Chandra Pal.

RESIDENTIAL QUARTERS FOR POOR PARSEES.—The ceremony of opening three new buildings for Poor Parsees and the distribution of prizes to the children of the Panday School takes place to-day at 4-30 p. m. at Tardeo. Sir Lawrence Jenkins has kindly consented to preside on the occasion.

AFTERNOON CONCERT, RAILWAY INSTITUTE.—Yesterday afternoon, in the Railway Institute, close to the Parel Station of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, a very enjoyable concert was given under the patronage of Colonel H. D. Olivier, R. E., Agent of the Baroda Railway, and Mr. H. E. Wenden, C. I. E., Agent of the G. I. P. Railway. Several ladies and gentlemen kindly helped in making the concert a success, among whom may be mentioned Mrs. Allum, Miss Erooks, Miss Ward, and Messrs. Anderson, Coates, Puckett, and Rhenius. The proceeds of the concert were to be devoted to the Patel Church Fund.

MUSIC AT THE APOLLO BUNDER.—By kind permission of Captain Prevet, the Band of the 23rd Bombay Rifles will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. M. Freulis, Bandmaster, commencing at 7 p. m. to-day, at Messrs. W. B. Green and Co., Apollo Bunder :—

March ... Adolphe	Michaelis.
Scene and Air ... Jeanne Hachette	Concone.
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Selection ...	Audran.
Lancers ... Finafore	Godfrey.
Selection ... The Rose of Persia	Sullivan.
Galop ... Kassassin	Winterbottom

GOD SAVE THE KING.

BURGLARY IN A BOOK SHOP.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanderstater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Jones charged Krishna Sakuji with house-breaking and theft in respect of some pieces of wearing apparel and a travelling case collectively valued at Rs. 48-12, the property of Mr. E. Combridge, of Messrs. Combridge and Company. Mr. Combridge stated that he closed his shop in Hammum Street at 6-30 p.m. on Monday. Yesterday morning in consequence of certain information received from the police he went to his shop at 7 o'clock. He found that the padlock on the door had been wrenched off and the drawers and the tables inside the shop ransacked. The safe, too, had been tampered with but the attempt to open it had been unsuccessful. The accused admitted having committed the offence. The Magistrate sentenced him to six months' rigorous imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

AN EXTRADITION CASE.—Yesterday morning at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. J. Sanderstater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Power charged Datu Vaman Padnekar "alias" Narayan Vaman Kamat with having in his possession Rs. 280 which he could not satisfactorily account for. The accused was arrested on suspicion on the 20th January, and placed before the Magistrate. He was enlarged on bail on his depositing Rs. 280 in Court, and the hearing was adjourned to enable the police to make inquiries into the matter and as to his antecedents. The accused failed to appear before the Magistrate when the case was again called on the 27th of January, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The accused was, however, arrested in Kolapur on a charge of theft of Rs. 600, of which the Rs. 280 found on him in Bombay formed a part. He was brought to Bombay by the Kolapur Police in order to recover the Rs. 280 deposited by him in Court. The Magistrate detained the accused on the charge pending against him, and remanded him till the 10th March to enable the Kolapur authorities to make out a "prima facie" case for his extradition and for the transference of Rs. 280 to them.

ALLEGED MISAPPROPRIATION OF ORNAMENTS.

BEFORE Mr. Karsondas Chhabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate, at the Esplanade Police Court, Bombay, Goswami Ganshamlalji Chimanlalji Maharaj was charged with criminal misappropriation in respect of ornaments valued at Rs. 6,560, which were entrusted to him by Bai Mithibai, wife of Haridas Ramdas, for safe custody. Mr. Madhowji Virji, solicitor, appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Acworth, solicitor, appeared for the Maharaj.

Mr. Madhowji applied for a postponement on the ground that the complainant had sustained serious injuries by a fall from the stair, and was, therefore, not able to appear in Court.

Mr. Acworth having no objection, the hearing was postponed till Tuesday week.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hour ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade ...	9	5	13
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri ...	39	30	35
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Mandvi wady Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada ...	48	41	68
D Chetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty, Walkeshwar and Mahalakshmi ...	23	14	27
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada ...	53	44	69
Parel, Hewri and Sion ...	15	9	29
Mahim and Worli ...	13	12	19
Water Division ...	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown ...	0	0	0
Hospitals ...	0	12	19
Total ...	193	157	272
Total plague deaths to date...	214,671	106,489	
Same date last year ...	74	105	250

MORTALITY OF THE WEEK.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending yesterday was 1,854 as against 1,614 during the previous week. Of the total number 1,054 died of plague, which showed an increase of 1·6 over the preceding week. The total mortality of the corresponding period of the last year was 1,635, which included 701 deaths from plague.

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AN adjourned meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the city of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Offices, the Hon. Mr. S. Rebsch presiding. There were present : General Sir James Willcocks Mr. E. Gray, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Mr. F. Macrae, Mr. Sassoon J. David, Mr. D. E. Wacha, Mr C. H. Armstrong, Mr W. L. Harney, Colonel H. D. Olivier, Sir Balchandra Krishna and the Secretary, Mr. W. N. Shilstone.

CHAWLS ON THE AGRIPADA ESTATE.

The Board considered a report by the land committee on the question of the construction of additional chawls for the poorer and working classes at Agripada :—The committee recommended (a) That the entire area of Plots Nos 97, 98, 105 and 106, admeasuring about 11 938 square yards, be utilized for the construction of chawls ; (b) That only double chawls be constructed, as the estimates show that single chawls would be very costly compared with similar accommodation provided in double chawls. (c) That the rooms should be provided with nahanis, (d) That two-thirds of the accommodation to be provided should consist of units comprising a room and a verandah, of an aggregate floor area of 116 square feet, and one-third of units as above, with a floor area of 148 1-2 square feet, the nahanis and cooking places being arranged for outside the main rooms. The cost will amount to Rs. 4,21,480.

The report was adopted.

THE PARSI PUNCHAYET AND THE TRUST.

Consideration was given to a letter from Messrs. Craigie, Lynch and owen solicitors for the Trustees of the Parsi Punchayet funds requesting the Board to reconsider the question of the acquisition of their property in connection with scheme IV.

The Chairman said Messrs Craigie, Lynch and Owen solicitors in their letter contended that the acquisition of the Punchayet land by the Board was ultra vires. The solicitors seemed to think that nothing had passed between the parties before in connection with the acquisition of the land. After verbal negotiations the Board had got an agreement in writing from the truste of the Punchayet as to the terms on which the latter allowed them to acquire the land in question. The Trustees of the Pune ayet had already agreed to the terms and he thought it was unfairto ask them to re-open the question the tion ground put forward.

The Honr Bhalchandra Krishna suggested that counseli spinion might be taken to ascertain whether the contentions of the Board was right an to make sure of their own legal position in the matter.

The Chairman said he saw no necessity of obtaining counsel's opinion as the terms and conditions relating to the acquisition of the land had already been agreed upon.

Mr Wacha said that the trustees of the Parsi Punchayat funds had now raised a new question altogether.

Dr. Viegas suggested that the trustees of the Parsi Punchayat funds might be asked whether they were willing to stand by their former agreement and that Counsel's opinion might be obtained on the new point now raised in the letter of Messrs. Craigie, Lynch and Owen.

After some further discussion the Chairman proposed that Messrs. Craigie Lynch and Owen be informed that the Trustees of the Parsi Punchayet funds had already agreed to the terms and conditions for the acquisition of the property.

The proposition was carried.

The meeting then adjourned.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB REGATTA.

First Day, Saturday 28th February.

THE following races will be sailed :—

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Governor's Cup Race—For boats of the "Tomtit Class." Entrance fee Rs. 5. 1st prize, a cup presented by H. E. Lord. Northcote ; 2nd prize, Rs 50 ; 3rd prize, Rs 25. Course No 3 (reversed), distance, 10-6 miles. Start at 2-45 p. m.

N B.—By the kind permission of Mr. Frank Ritchie, the P & O. steamer Guicowar is placed at the disposal of the Sailing Committee, and will leave the Apollo Bunder at 3 p. m., taking such members and their guests as may wish to follow the races.

Light refreshments will be obtainable on board the steamer.

Entries for above races close on Thursday at noon.

REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

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MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S MISSION.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S MISSION is practically ended, says our telegram, and the newspapers are unanimous in saying that no man could have done more to reconcile the two races. No other man perhaps could have done so much. However little may have been achieved it has been in the right direction. But the results of the visit will make themselves more apparent hereafter. The Colonial Secretary has made himself acquainted with the new colonies and their people. By personal contact with them he has learnt more of the things that are necessary and desirable than he could have acquired by reams of correspondence. Wherever he has gone he has been the object of extraordinary personal tribute. He has been able to secure the personal esteem of the people, and that done he has been able to talk the Burghers into good humour, and to induce them to resolve to work together for good. Nothing that could have been devised could have gone further towards producing the much-to-be-desired reconciliation of the two races. For the people have been satisfied as to his honesty of purpose. It came to a surprise to most people that the address of the Cape-town Dutch on Saturday should give expression to sentiments of unalterable attachment to the British. Messrs. Hofmeyer and Merriman were of the deputation which presented the address, and they openly declared that the Dutch accepted the Vereeniging settlement as the beginning of a new era, and they looked forward to seeing South Africa united under the British flag. The Dutch, they said, would decline to enter upon a political campaign on racial lines, for there was nothing that could keep the races apart. This expression of almost superhuman foregiveness of past sins and uncanny love of recent enemies came before a demand for inquiry into questions of martial law and military commandeering. Mr. Chamberlain, however, refused both requests. Whether the Dutch anticipated refusal or not when they preferred their request we do not know. But they seem to have made no manifestation of disappointment. Instead Mr. Hofmeyer went out of his way to assure Mr. Chamberlain that the Dutch leaders were prepared to address an appeal to the Dutch with a view to promote a good understanding.

Mr. Chamberlain welcomed this assurance as a most hopeful augury of the future, and we take it the right honourable gentleman was quite in earnest when he said so. He in return promised that nothing should be wanting to impress the British with the need of reciprocating the sentiments expressed, and made a last appeal to both parties for harmony and co-operation. In the words of the "Times of Natal" Mr. Chamberlain is regarded as "an avowed optimist as well as a friend, not as a monstrous embodiment of red tape." This was felt the moment he set foot ashore in South Africa. "We wish to avoid all exaggeration," wrote the editor of a critical review the other day, "but so far as can be judged from reading the accounts of the different correspondents, Mr. Chamberlain has attained a success far surpassing the expectations of the most sanguine, and this success is largely due to himself. His speeches from the moment he landed in Natal were marked by three qualities which could not fail to impress any British community, and which seem also to have made some impression on the Boers; those qualities are courage, frankness, and sympathy. He has admonished his hearers wherever he has gone to be mindful of their duty to the mother-country which is willing and ready to cherish its children so long as they are children, but when they reach manhood she expects them to help themselves. It was this knowledge which led DeWet to write as the postscript to his book: "To my nation I address one word. Be loyal to the new Government. Loyalty pays the best in the end. Loyalty alone is worthy of a nation which has shed its blood for Freedom." It was not because Mr. Chamberlain considered Cape Colony the most difficult to deal with that he left it to the last. Owing to the decision of the Government not to suspend the Cape Constitution, that Colony still remains and will remain, until after next general election at all events, under the domination of the Afrikander Bond. But leaving the Cape to the last, and receiving and replying to the address of the Dutch at one of his final acts, made Mr. Chamberlain's triumph the more complete. And we would endorse the opinions of the writer who declared the other day that Mr. Chamberlain's visit to South Africa was an event not less important, however unimposing, than the magnificent Indian pageant, but that we think it was more important and truly worthy the great nation he went out to represent.

In the opinion of those who have watched with interest Mr. Chamberlain's tour, it will hereafter be necessary for Secretaries of State for the Colonies to visit Greater Britain, if not annually, at least once in the period of their office. The belief has found expression more than once since Mr. Chamberlain set out that his tour has opened up a new era of personal intercourse between the Mother Country and the Colonies, and that henceforth our statesmen must be travellers as well as workers, and that political prestige will depend quite as much on what a man has seen and done as on what he has said at public meetings or in Parliamentary debate. As has been forcibly pointed out, if this habit of acquiring first-hand information develops, it will not only be of immense advantage in strengthening the relations between Great and Greater Britain, but it cannot fail to enlarge the political life of the Mother Country, which in the minds of some observers shows an inclination to parochialism. Mr. Chamberlain was too prudent to promise that such a plan should be adopted, for he could not close his eyes to the fact that, in spite of the manifest advantages of personal interchange of views, the Minister in charge of the Colonies is continually responsible to Parliament for all the details of administration of the thirty or more British colonies and dependencies, and that his absence in critical times might be conducive to grave inconvenience. But the visit will be repeated; not perhaps in Mr. Chamberlain's term at the Colonial Office, and we hope the example set in Downing-street will be followed by Whitehall. If the Secretary of State for India would but make a tour, it would doubtless prove to be of advantage both to India and to Great Britain. Mr. Chamberlain told the South African colonists he went to strengthen the hands of Lord Milner. Lord George Hamilton might strengthen the hands of Lord Curzon. True he does the utmost he can do at home, but that utmost is but an almost servile adulation of the able and distinguished statesman who is at present the Head of the Government, and practically an autocrat.

THE PLANTAIN FIBRE. AN interesting pamphlet has recently been issued from the Government Press of Madras dealing with the value of the fibre of the common plantain, and the possibilities which lie before the Indian ryot in the cultivation of that plant for other purposes than its fruit. Hitherto it has not been recognised that the ordinary plantain might be made the source of an immense quantity of fibre which would be a readily saleable commodity in the European market. In the Philippine islands, as is well known amongst those who take an interest in the fibre industry, a plantain from which the fibre known as Manila hemp is extracted is largely grown, and the industry is a very profitable one. Mr. R. L. Proudlock, the writer of the pamphlet alluded to, admits at once that the fibre of the common plantain is by no means so valuable as that obtained from the plant grown in the Philippines. It is not so strong, and could not be adapted to the same uses. It will, therefore, never compete with "Manila hemp" in the European markets. But that it is well worth cultivating and extracting is proved by the ready sale that such samples as have from time to time been exported to Europe have obtained. In a footnote to Mr. Proudlock's pamphlet it is stated that a specimen of common plantain fibre has been valued in London at from £25 to £35 a ton. The production of clean fibre is estimated at one pound and three quarters per stem or nearly one ton per acre. The cost per acre of extracting the fibre by manual labour is stated to be Rs. 53 and the charge for baling, transport, freight, etc., is estimated at Rs. 45. It is quite evident if these figures are correct that large profits are possible. It has been proved over and over again in connection with all industries carried on by the ryots of India that the most important factor next to the seasons is the cost of the tools which the cultivators have to employ. Mr. Proudlock, however, gives an account of the machinery employed in fibre extraction in the Philippines. This is extremely simple, and that it is effective is proved by the fact that the "Manila hemp" industry is such a profitable one. The cost of the machinery would not be prohibitive. There is another point which would have to be borne in mind in the establishment of the industry in India. It would be altogether too much to expect that an ordinary cooly should become expert at the work of cleaning plantain fibre at a moment's notice, but the work does not appear to present any extraordinary difficulties. Once the native saw the value of the common plantain he would naturally turn his attention to the more profitable fibre of the Philippines. The idea seems well worth taking up, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Proudlock will be able to get his ideas represented in the proper quarters.

THE FAILURE OF MR. BRODRICK. THE patience which Mr. Brodrick has been asking the nation to exercise over his precious scheme of army reform has become well nigh exhausted. Great Britain, anxious to give the Secretary for War every chance, has waited patiently for two years, and the country finds that the army is no nearer efficiency than it was before the outbreak of the war which found us unprepared. The attack led by Major Beckett and Major Seeley in the House on the Army Corps Scheme reflects the feeling of the country, irrespective of party. Mr. Brodrick's reforms still largely exist on paper. Of the six Army Corps, the constitution of the first three is scarcely completed and the others have still to be formed. The Army, declares Major Beckett, is packed with expensive trash, and it is certain that the tax-payers are getting nothing like value for the great expenditure the nation is incurring on the military forces. Mr. Brodrick has not only not provided the country with an efficient force, but his lack of sympathy towards the Volunteers has seriously affected the strength of that valuable reserve. But for the response of the Volunteers during the war the story of the South African Campaign would have been of another character. The Secretary for War's contemptuous reference to "a mob of volunteers" indicates an astounding lack of appreciation of the spirit which moved so many to offer their aid in their country's extremity. It also betrays an utter absence of gratitude for the services they rendered, and it will not be surprising if it has the effect of producing further resignations of officers and men from the Volunteer Corps. What will the Colonies think of Mr. Brodrick's description of the men whom they cheerfully sent to South Africa and who were recognised as the finest and most valuable troops in the field during the most arduous phases of the campaign? We cannot rely absolutely on a volunteer citizen force, but if England is not to be forced into the adoption of conscription we must place greater reliance on the auxiliary forces than Mr. Brodrick now considers desirable. The Government shrinks from openly proposing conscription, but the War Secretary's ineffective reforms suggest compulsory military service as the alternative to his unsatisfactory scheme. To the advocates of conscription Mr. Brodrick's failure is not unwelcome, but the nation believes that it is not impossible to devise a scheme which will ensure the efficiency while maintaining the voluntary character of the British military system.

THE INDIAN CROPS. THE season and crop reports for the week ending the 14th February have almost the same tale to tell regarding insufficient rainfall throughout India. In the Madras Presidency the rainfall of the week was fair in Tinnevelly, but practically nil elsewhere. Added to this irrigation supplies are insufficient in parts of Ganjam, the Deccan, and Salem. The harvest in progress, however, continues to yield a fair outturn, while sowing, ploughing, and transplanting continue in parts. In the Bengal Presidency rain is needed in Tippera, Patna, Champaran, Monghyr, and Malda, but on the other hand has fallen plentifully in several districts in Bengal proper. The crops were slightly damaged by a hail-storm in Hooghly. Prospects are otherwise good. The week was rainless over the United Provinces except in three districts where slight showers were recorded. Slight damage from frost is reported in five districts. Prospects are generally favourable. In the Punjab slight rain has fallen in parts of Rawalpindi. The crops on unirrigated lands are said to be poor, and are withering for want of rain in some districts. Rain is badly wanted in most districts, while caterpillars have damaged the standing crops in parts of Ferozepore. Rain is also badly wanted in the North-West Frontier Province where the standing crops are in danger of withering. In the Central Provinces the winter crops are generally in good condition, but cloudy weather and insects have caused some damage in Raipur. No rain fell in Central India during the week. The crops are good in Gwalior, Bhopal, Malwa, and Bhopawar, and fair elsewhere. Agricultural operations are well in progress everywhere.

YESTERDAY afternoon his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, accompanied by his staff, and Captain Greville A. D. C. to his Excellency the Governor, left the Yacht Club at 3 o'clock and embarked on board the R. I. M. launch Bee and proceeded to Elephanta Caves on a visit. H. R. H. returned to the Apollo Bunder shortly after 6 o'clock.

MR. W. L. STRANGE, Under-Secretary in the Public Works Department, proceeds to the Transvaal in April to take up an appointment there. He has had considerable experience in irrigation.

WE understand that the line of railway which will connect Calcutta with the country north of the Ganges by way of a bridge somewhere near Godagiri will be on the broad gauge.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway for the first 10 days of January 1903 amounted to Rs. 3,899, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 1,221.

The statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the first 10 days of January 1903 amounted to Rs. 40,402, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 6,833.

THE Indian Polo Association is to be congratulated on the strength of its financial position, having built up a credit balance which now amounts to about Rs. 10,000. How to dispose of some of this in the general interests of the game will be the principal business before the annual meeting this year, which has little else before it but the discussion of some minor points arising out of the Rules.

THE people of Szechuan are opposing the Viceroy's efforts to enforce the use of a silver dollar of uniform value throughout the province. The dollar is worth a thousand cash.

THE contract for raising the Spanish war-vessels sunk in Manilla Bay is said to have been secured by the same firm which salved the s. s. Phranang when she was ashore on the Paracels, viz., the London Salvage Association.

THE cost of repairing the gates &c., of Peking is estimated at Tls. 300,000, and includes certain halls and bridges in addition to the central gate. The various provinces have subscribed Tls. 365,000 for the repairs of the Peking gates and the Palace.

AT the meeting of the Dublin Corporation, a letter was read from the Lord Chamberlain's department asking the acceptance of two white swans from the King. On the motion of the Lord Mayor the Royal gift was accepted.

DR. JOHN WEBB WATKINS, M.D., who recently died suddenly at his residence, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, was the first human being subjected to chloroform by Sir James Simpson, of Edinburgh, when the drug had only just been introduced.

IT is reported from St. Petersburg that the Czar's valuable Gobelins tapestry has been stolen, and the Palace police can find no trace of the thieves. It is believed that they are persons well acquainted with the ways of the Court. Workmen are employed in the decorating of the saloons just now, but none of them are suspected.

MISS GLADYS NAYLOR-CARNE, who made a debut of exceptional brilliance and distinction at St. James's Hall by appearing—as soloist—in both a violin and a piano concerto, is a young lady of Cornish birth and origin, though her musical training has been obtained chiefly in Germany, where years ago she gained fame as a "wunderkind."

MR. KIER HARDIE, M.P., addressing a workmen's meeting at Merthyr Vale, said that fifty Labour candidates would be brought out at the next General Election. Trade union funds for the purpose amounted to £50,000, and the proposal was to pay each member £200 per annum. He hoped the Miners' Federation of Great Britain would join the movement.

THE Vice-Chancellor has issued to Cambridge University some particulars of the will of Mr. F. J. Quick, of Trinity Hall and Eltham, from which it appears Mr. Quick has left his residuary estate to the University "in trust" to apply the income to the promotion of the study and research of vegetable and animal biology, for which purpose it seems probable that the University will eventually receive between £50,000 and £60,000.

THE EMISSARY.

[BY COMMANDER E. HAMILTON CURREY.]

NOT very many years ago the civilized world—which always speaks, writes, and thinks of itself in capital letters—awoke to the fact that it required colonies. Having made up its mind on this important point it then proceeded to look about and see how this desire could be gratified, and it then discovered that since the Napoleonic era Great Britain had appropriated very nearly everything that was useful in the way of foreign countries overseas. This unpleasant discovery led to envy, hatred, and jealousy, which has for some time past been expressed so vehemently that it has quite lost the effect which it originally had of making John Bull virtuously indignant. A game of grab has been merrily played for quite a considerable number of years, and the appropriation of the lands belonging to other people has been justified by the most flowing periods in the press representing the particular country grabbing at that moment.

The amount of type which must have been worn out in setting up "the blessings of civilization," "the elevation of inferior races," "the humanizing effect of contact with a superior people," and so on, is really frightful to contemplate; but no doubt the money lost in this way has been more than made up by the amount of trade in gin and firearms which have assisted the civilizing and humanizing process. It is really a comfort to think, writes Commander E. Hamilton Currey in the "Pall Mall Gazette", that people actuated by such noble and philanthropic ideas should not be actually out of pocket by the transaction. Coupled with this intense desire to benefit other people, and, incidentally, themselves, the nations have developed quite a new diplomacy, which consists of setting up Consuls and Residents in the most unlikely spots, whose business consists in watching British representatives who, of course, are likely to seize upon everything that is going unless carefully supervised. Consequently, everywhere on the rim of civilization they sit and watch and suspect one another of dark and sinister designs.

Some years ago at an outpost of the Empire was a British Resident who was not quite as other Residents are; as a race they bulk far above the average of mankind in capability, but this particular man was very much above the average of his fellows. On that dismal cinder heap in which at that time he exercised his functions he worked, not "like a black" as no black ever did or ever will work hard, and this man was accustomed to consider twelve hours out of the twenty-four quite a light day's work. In the dim whitewashed office in which he sat all day long the heavy leathern punkah paddled the insufferable air and the whine of its rope in a hole in the wall mingled with the subdued battle of attendant orderlies and police outside. The Resident suffered from prickly heat always, and from boils, the outcome of the climate, frequently, and the fever indigenous to the place paid him a periodical visit; but these were all inseparable from his office, which afforded him some few hundred rupees per mensem, which mostly went to pay for the boy's education in England. The hall mark of the second rate man, fear of responsibility, had never been imprinted on this particular Resident, who took all risks and official snubbings indifferently just as long as he was satisfied that he was doing his country good service. Once upon an adjoining continent the tribes became recalcitrant and raucy, whereupon he wrote to his subordinate on the spot, and ordered him to go up and fight against these tribes and to fine them heavily when he had chastised them. Knowing his man, he did not hamper him with instructions, "but," he said in conclusion, "if you go and get killed I will never speak to you again, as it will get me into very serious trouble." The expedition went and was completely successful "I couldn't refer to——," naming a great British dependency, "because you see if I had they'd have protocolled till the cows came home, and my tribes in the Continent would have played merry blazes all the time.

Now, it occurred to a certain Republic to send out an Emissary on one of those missions which redowned so much to the credit of our common humanity, and this Emissary was desirous of conferring the particular class of blessing with which he was entrusted on the inhabitants of the Continent aforementioned. They were (the blessings), it was understood, to be on a scientific, geographical, and ethnological basis, and the researches of the Emissary were to be wide—in fact, no one quite knew where they were to end; but, in order to make a beginning, he came to the outpost of the British Empire at which the Resident was stationed. He was modest, and, although strictly unofficial, came in a gunboat.

The Resident asked him to dinner and found him good company, and when they arrived at coffee and cigars the Emissary unbosomed himself.

"The Government of the Republic which I have the honour to serve, having detailed me to perform some scientific work in the Continent," he began, "I am desirous of starting from Bery-Bery and I thought that as a matter of courtesy, as Bery Bery is a British Protectorate, I had better mention the matter to you."

"Why not start from Jum-Juby, which belongs to the Republic?" asked the Resident.

"Because all the tribes in the hinterland of Jum-Juby are fighting, and I couldn't get through."

"You can't go from Bery-Bery," said the Resident shortly. The other man laughed.

"But, my very dear sir, I am going from thence; unless you lock me up in prison, you cannot prevent me. I start to-morrow morning."

"I can only repeat what I said before, you can't go from Bery-Bery."

The Emissary shrugged his shoulders. "So you say, my dear sir, but I shall go all the same." A few minutes after, he departed smiling.

The Resident touched a bell. "Go and tell Munkerjee Takerlo I must see him at once," he said to the servant, and then sat down and wrote a letter. It was to his subordinate who had fought the recalcitrant tribes. It was very short, and much to the point, and ran thus:—

Dear-so-and-so,—A gunboat with an Emissary from the Great Republic will probably call in shortly after you get this. He wants to go up-country, and he is not to go. Verb. sap.—Yours,

THE RESIDENT.

As he finished, Munkerjee Takerlo was shown in. The Resident handed him the letter. "Your steamer must start at once for Bery-Bery, and give this to the Sahib in charge." Munkerjee bowed and departed. The following afternoon a gunboat appeared at Bery-Bery flying the flag of the Republic, and having put the Emissary on shore departed. The Sahib in charge received him most courteously and asked him to dinner, and again the Emissary announced that he intended starting for the interior the following day. The Sahib smiled blandly: "I don't think you'll go," he said. "You cannot lock up a member of the Republic, my friend, and unless you do, I shall most certainly start to-morrow morning." Again the Sahib smiled, and asked the Emissary if he took brandy or whisky with his soda-water. It was high noon the following day when the two men met again.

"Hullo," called out the Sahib "haven't you started yet? You know it gets dreadfully hot in the afternoon for travelling." The Emissary appeared somewhat grumpy. "So far," he said, "I have not succeeded in hiring any camels." "Ah, I dare say" replied the Sahib, genially; "I dare say you may find some difficulty about that; they don't let out camels for long journeys at this time of year. You see, there are so many local picnics—quite the social season now." The Emissary grunted and passed on.

Four days did this farce continue, and at last the Emissary turned fiercely on the Sahib. "I shall walk, and defeat your vile conspiracy," he shouted. But even this pleasure was apparently denied to him. Neither high nor low, near nor far, could he find a guide, and at last, completely and entirely defeated, he had to beat a retreat in the fortnightly steamer belonging to Munkerjee Takerlo. When he landed again at the outpost his temper was not in good repair. High goat, indifferent native bread, and stinking water had been his portion for a fortnight, as his dignity had prevented him from accepting the Sahib's hospitable invitation to stay with him until he could get away. The first person he met on landing was the Resident, who took his cheroot out of his mouth and looked him up and down quizzically. "Did not I tell you, my friend, that you wouldn't start from Bery-Bery?"

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TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN CAPE TOWN.

THE COLONIES AND IMPERIAL BURDENS.

A COMMUNITY OF SACRIFICE.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 24.

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at a luncheon given at the Chamber of Commerce, said that with the expansion of the Colonies the burden of the Mother Country was more than she alone could bear. The self-governing Colonies had not borne their fair share. Some of them, including India, had done so, but generally they must rise to a fuller appreciation of their duty. He appealed to the leaders of both sides to consider if the Colony were doing enough.

If the assurances he had received were true he was confident of the result. Unless it were recognised that the Empire was based on a community of sacrifice it would sink into oblivion like the Empires of the past which had left records of selfishness.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 24.

A special cablegram to the "Englishman," dated London, the 23rd instant, states :—

It is generally agreed that Mr. Chamberlain's interview with the Bond leaders on Saturday was a satisfactory consummation of his mission.

ALLAHABAD, FEBRUARY 24.

A special cablegram from the "Pioneer's" correspondent, dated London, the 23rd instant, says that Mr. Chamberlain, in his speech to the Bond deputation, declared that he had no political ambition to gratify, and that his own time of active service was necessarily drawing to a close.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

MR. BRODRICK'S ARMY SCHEME.

STRONG CRITICISM IN THE HOUSE.

ATTACK LED BY THE UNIONISTS.

WAR SECRETARY AND THE VOLUNTEERS.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 23.

There has been a vigorous attack in the House of Commons on Mr. Brodrick's Army Scheme directed by the Unionist members.

Major Beckett moved an amendment to the Address, regretting that the organisation of the Army was unsuited to the needs of the Empire, and that no proportionate gain in the strength or efficiency had resulted from the recent increases in the expenditure.

He said the Army Corps system blocked the way to national reform and must be swept away.

He declared that the Army is packed with expensive trash.

Major Seeley said that the scheme, if persisted in, would entail national disaster.

He urged that greater reliance be placed on the citizen army.

He lamented the decrease in the Volunteers owing to unsympathetic treatment.

Like Major Beckett he appealed to the House to forget party for a moment and to contemplate this as a national question.

Sir Charles Dilke condemned spending more on the Army than on the Navy, which should be the first national consideration.

Mr. Brodrick replied that the object of the Army Corps system was to establish a standard by which the War Office could work if it were ever again necessary to send a vast force abroad. An alternative to the existing scheme was a mob of Volunteers. It was preposterous to imagine us depending on a citizen army.

Major Seeley, interrupting, stigmatized the references to a mob of Volunteers as a gross perversion of what he said.

Mr. Brodrick admitted that recruiting had given him the greatest possible anxiety, but he was confident of improvement. Last year was the biggest recruiting year we yet had.

Mr. Brodrick, in reply to Sir Howard Vincent, prior to the debate, said the Volunteers had decreased since 1901 by forty thousand, and the deficiency in officers was 1,295.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 24.

In continuing his speech Mr. Brodrick said that no army had ever undergone such a change as ours during the last two years.

Delegation had not only begun, but in a few years it would be the key note of the Army system. He denied that the North-West Frontier was only a bugbear. Preparations for the defence of our greatest dependency must, he said, be judged upon expert advice. We must remember that for a much smaller dependency we had to send double the number of troops.

Despite the severity of yesterday evening's attack and the strong support it receives in many quarters, it is believed that only about ten Unionists will vote against the Government to-night.

THE DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS.

THE NORTH-WEST FRONTIER.

Several Conservatives supported the amendment moved by Major Beckett.

Sir Edward Grey declared that the North-West Frontier of India was a bugbear. It would be more difficult for Russia to place 200,000 men there than for us to do so. This applied also to South Africa. In the case of European complications we must rely upon the Navy.

The debate is not yet concluded.

EPISCOPAL APPOINTMENTS.

CHANGES IN SEES.

The Bishop of Exeter has been appointed to the See of Winchester.

The Bishop of Newcastle has been appointed to the See of St. Albans.

The Bishop Suffragan of Thetford has been appointed Bishop of Newcastle.

The Rev. Archibald Robertson, Principal of King's College, has been appointed Bishop of Exeter.

(THROUGH REUTERS AGENCY.)

MILITARY PREPARATIONS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 24.

The "Times" Moscow correspondent states that arrangements have been completed for 280,000 men to join the colours the moment they are called. Exceptional activity is manifest in the Russian Headquarter Staff.

THE MACEDONIAN QUESTION.

THE REFORM PROPOSALS.

ACCEPTED BY THE PORTE.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 23.

The Macedonian Reforms Scheme recommends the appointment of an Inspector General approved by the Powers with large and independent authority. The scheme further recommends the organisation of the Gendarmerie by European officers and the admission of Christians thereto. It also proposes reforms in the Judicial and Taxation systems. Local expenses to be the first charge on Provincial Revenues.

LATER.

The Sultan has accepted the Russo-Austrian scheme of reforms in Macedonia.

THE DARDANELLES.

BRITAIN AND TURKEY.

Lord Cranborne, speaking in the House, said that Turkey had not replied to the Note mentioned on the 6th January, formally protesting against the passage of Russian war-vessels through the Dardanelles. He considered it undesirable to present to the House the papers in connection therewith.

ENGLAND AND PERSIA.

RUSSIA'S NEW COMMERCIAL TREATY.

BAD EFFECT ON BRITISH TRADE.

Lord Cranborne said that the Russo-Persian Commercial Treaty was likely to affect British trade injuriously. A large part of Indian tea in Persia was imported through Russia, but the tariff on tea was not likely to prove prohibitive. The British Minister at Teheran had been instructed to make arrangements whereby Britain would have a more influential voice regarding the alteration of tariffs affecting British trade. He hoped shortly to make a public statement.

AFFAIRS IN MOROCCO.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 24.

A special cablegram to the "Englishman" states :—

The "Times" Tangier's correspondent wires that neither the Sultan nor the rebels are anxious to risk a serious engagement.

RAILWAY TRAINS FOR INSTRUCTIONAL PURPOSES.

A complete train with five miles of railway track is being supplied to the Madras Sappers and Miners Corps at Bangalore for instructional purposes.

THE TRANSPORT SARDINIA.

The transport Sardinia makes an extra voyage, arriving at Bombay from home on the 2nd April and leaving again for Southampton about the 9th of April.

THE KURRUM AFGHAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

The escort accompanying Mr. Donald on the Kurrum Afghan Boundary Commission, which is about to start, will comprise half a squadron of cavalry and one company of infantry.

LORD CURZON'S SUCCESSOR.

Several papers give circulation to the rumour that Mr. Brodrick has the reversion of the Viceroyalty of India.

AGRICULTURAL ENTOMOLOGIST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

It is understood that Mr. Lefroy, the distinguished Cambrige Biologist, who has been for some time engaged in investigations connected with the insect pests of the West Indies, has been appointed Agricultural Entomologist to the Government of India.

THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL HALL.

A SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION.

No announcement on the subject of the much debated site for the Victoria Memorial Hall in Calcutta has yet been made, but it is understood that a satisfactory solution has been found, the site most likely to be selected being near the Cathedral and the Jail.

THE BANGALORE KIDNAPPING CASES.

THE ACCUSED CONVICTED.

BANGALORE, FEBRUARY 24.

Judgment was delivered to-day in the Mysore Chief Court in the first group of the traffic in girls cases committed to the Sessions for trial. The first, fifth, seventh, and eighth accused were found guilty of kidnapping, abetment of kidnapping, and wrongful confinement of kidnapped girls, and were sentenced to six years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 100 with the option of another year each. The third and sixth accused obtained two years each for wrongful confinement only. The fourth accused who was found guilty of abetment and wrongful confinement got four years, with a fine of Rs. 100 or another year.

The second accused, it will be remembered, died suddenly in the dock when the trial was opened last week.

QUARREL FOR TEA CUPS.

ALLEGED CHARGE OF INSULTING LADY COX.

COUNTER CHARGES BY AN AUCTIONEER.

PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE CANTONMENT MAGISTRATE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, FEBRUARY 24.

Lady Cox, wife of Sir Edmund Cox, filed a complaint in the Cantonment Magistrate's Court, against Mr. Ramkrishna Sayanne, of the firm of Messrs. Morgan and Balkrishna, the well-known a uctioneers, with insult with an intention to provoke abreach of the peace.

The case came before Major Leslie to-day. The Court was crowded with several European ladies and gentlemen.

Lady Cox in her complaint said :—On the 14th instant I attended the auction for the purpose of purchasing certain articles. I had been the previous evening informed that Messrs. Eaton and Framjee of the said firm wished to purchase three cups in a certain lot. On arriving on the auction day I was informed that the cups were sold, and that Mr. Ramkrishna purchased them. Nevertheless I took them away. Mr. Ramkrishna, however made a sort of a jump at me, snatched the cups away from my hand and said, "You will do nothing of this sort."

At the time of calling on the case Ramkrishna was absent as he had heard that the case was not to proceed.

Sir Edmund and Lady Cox were also absent.

Mr. Brewin, of the Criminal Investigation Department, who was present in court, said on behalf of Sir Edmund that the opposite party was to be represented by counsel, and it was desirable that they should have asked for an adjournment.

In the meantime Mr. Ramkrishna's name was called out again and as he was absent the Magistrate ordered a warrant to be issued for his arrest, fixing the case for Thursday.

Meantime Sir Edmund and Lady Cox arrived in court.

The court then proceeded to take up the counter charges of insult and abuse brought by Mr. Ramkrishna.

The complaint was that on the 14th Sir Edmund and Lady Cox drove to his shop and demanded to know who had been rude to Lady Cox. Mr. Ramkrishna denied having treated the Lady rudely, whereupon Lady Cox said he had been rude to her.

As the case proceeded Mr. Ramkrishna was absent. The Magistrate asked that the charge against Sir Edmund and Lady Cox should be dismissed.

Mr. Brewin said they did not want the case to be dismissed.

Mr. Ramkrishna later in the afternoon appeared in court and explained the circumstances under which he did not come to the court. The Magistrate thereupon cancelled the order for the warrant, and ordered him to be present on Thursday next.

Amongst the ladies who have to give evidence in the case are Mrs. Elliott, Mrs and the Misses Henderson, Mrs Perry, Mrs. Collins, Miss Phelips, Miss Clements, Mrs. Andy, Miss Macdonall, Mrs. Mathie, and Mrs. Walker.

PLAGUE IN POONA.

Plague is still bad in the city and cantonment. There were 453 deaths in the city during the last week of plague only.

ROYAL VISIT TO THE KARLI CAVES.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught will pay a visit to the Karli Caves on the 26th instant. Preparations for the Royal visit are progressing.

BANGALORE SPRING RACES.

FIRST DAY.

The Bangalore Races took place to-day in fine weather. The attendance was fair. The sport on an average was good. The following are the details of the races :—

1st Race.—"Horse Hurdles." Distance one and a half miles over six flights.

The Sultan of Johore's Gaulme (11st 11lb). Burns	1
Mr Black Hawkin's Wingfield (12st 11lbs), Captain Randall	2
Mr D Ker's Rufus (10st 4lbs), Mr Steel	3

Betting : 2 to 1 on Gaulme : 11-2 to 1 against Wingfield ; and 3 to 1 against Rufus.

Won by six lengths. Time—3mins. 6secs.

2nd Race.—"The Novice Stakes." Distance half a mile.

Colonel Godfry Jones's Filigree (9st 6lbs), Colonel Armstrong	1
Mr Graham's Shot Silk (10st 10lbs), Captain Randall	2
Mr Morey's Lady (11st 8lbs), Owner	3

Also ran :—Mr. Calley's Lady Clare (11st. 10lbs).

Betting : 6 to 4 on Filigree ; 2 to 1 against Shot Silk ; and 6 to 1 against the others.

Won by two lengths. Time—56 1-5secs.

3rd Race.—"The Arab Stakes." Distance five furlongs.

Mr Sydenham's Syndic (3st 11lbs), McQuade	1
Mr Ridsdale's San Toy (10-5), Captain Randall	2
Mr Saunder's Kingsclere (9st 2lbs), Owner	3

Betting : 6 to 4 on Syndic ; 2 to 1 against San Toy ; and 5 to 1 against Kingsclerc.

Won by a length and a half. Time - 1min. 17secs.

4th Race.—"The Carabineer's Subalterns' Challenge Cup." For ponies unconditionally the property of the Subalterns of the Carabineers. To be ridden by them. Distance about 1 1-2 miles over the steeplechase course.

Mr D Ker's Snow Ball (12st 10lbs), Mr Lloyd	1
Mr Gwyer's The Rabbit (12st 10lbs), Owner	2
Mr Cotterell-Dormer's Jack (12st 10lbs), Owner	3

Also ran :—Maka (12st 10lbs.); Flight (12st 10lbs.); Red Spider (11st. 10lbs.); Lex (11st. 7lbs.); and Lady Michael (11st. 10lbs.).

Betting : 6 to 4 on Flight ; 3 to 1 against Jack and Maka ; 4 to 1 against Spider and Lex ; and 10 to 1 the rest.

Won by half a length. Time—Not taken.

In this race two ponies refused the third hurdle and two others came down at the same spot, leaving only four to finish the race.

5th Race.—"The Substitution Handicap." Distance five furlongs.

Captain Randall's Blue Blood (11st). Owner	1
Major Harrison's Duchet (9st 6lbs). McQuade	2
Mr W Lowe's Allan (9st 5lbs). Mr Steele	3

Betting: 2 to 1 on Blue Blood ; 6 to 4 on De Wet; 6 to 1 against Gaylad ; and 13 to 1 against Allan.

Won by half a length. Time—1min. 8secs.

6th Race.—"Maiden Stakes." Distance half a mile.

Colonel Godfrey Jones Filigree (8 st 10lbs), Colonel Armstrong	1
Mr Graham's Shot Silk (11st 3lbs), Captain Randall	2
Mr Allardice's Sardine (8st 10lbs), Owner	3

Also ran :—Lady (11st. 1lb.).

Betting : 2 to 1 on Sardine ; evens Filigree ; 2 to 1 against Shot Silk ; and 8 to 1 against Lady.

Won by half a length. Time—57secs.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 24.

The Government of India have sanctioned the addition of four military hospital assistants in consequence of the recent increase in the Artillery in India.

Two and-a-half lakhs of rupees are to be spent next year on starting the proposed Mule Silladar Camel and Pony Cart Cadres in connection with the transport reorganization scheme.

Major Brawne late Director of Railways, China, and Captain Freeland, Deputy Director, revert to employment in the Indian Public Works Department.

Provision is being made in the estimates for the coming year for the initial expenses connected with the formation of the Military Railways Company.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S TOUR.

THE BLOEMFONTEIN DEPUTATION.

PROPOSED REVISION OF THE VEREENIGING TERMS.

LONDON, February 7th.—The Boer delegates, who recently waited on Mr. Chamberlain at Bloemfontein, declined the Government's hospitality.

Mr. Chamberlain, it appears, was not satisfied with the representative character of the first burgher deputation, which was supposed to represent the three sections of the Boers, namely, the surrenderers, National Scouts, and those who fought to the end of the war.

It was after Mr. Chamberlain questioned the representative character of the deputation that Christian De Wet's party, including Commandant Hertzog, appeared.

Replying to their appeals for the cancellation of the Vereeniging agreement, Mr. Chamberlain declared that if that agreement were revised it would be for him to dictate terms, not to negotiate.

Piet De Wet, Christian's brother, led the more influential section of Boer loyalists.

The London "Standard" remarks that Christian De Wet is probably in the end becoming an instrument of the Bond, and that the struggle for mastery between the various sections of the Boers has now begun.

The "Daily Telegraph" observes that Christian De Wet occupies a similar position in the Orange River Colony to that occupied by General Botha in the Transvaal. He is, it suggests, willing to cooperate with the Government, but is afraid of losing the confidence of the Boers.

THE VENEZUELA SETTLEMENT.

A SINGLE ARBITRATOR SUGGESTED.

London, February 8th.—Sir Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador at Washington, and Count von Sternberg, the German Charge d'Affaires, have presented protocols, defining the terms of reference in the Venezuelan dispute, for the signature of Mr. Bowen, the United States Minister at Caracas, who has been conducting the negotiations for Venezuela. It is suggested that the Baron van Lynden, the Netherlands Minister for Foreign Affairs, should be asked to act as sole arbitrator.

DEPARTURE OF THE TRANSPORT SICILIA.

The hired transport Sicilia, Captain C. H. S Tocque, sailed yesterday for Southampton, with the 2nd Royal Irish Regiment and details, consisting of 40 officers, 12 ladies, 13 children, 1,117 non-commissioned officers and men, 52 women, and 109 children. The troops were brought to Bombay in three troop trains from Deolali. The following are the names of the officers :—

Col and Mrs F W Banister, R A	Lieut G W Haslam, R I Regt
Lieut-Col and Mrs E H Fenn, R A M C	Lieut T C Fitz-Hugh, R I Regt
Lieut-Col and Mrs D O'Sullivan, R A M C	Lieut J Lawrence, R I Regt
Major and Le-Col A N Leyseaght, R I Regt	Lieut A F Weston, R A M C
Lieut-Col H S Shuldham Lye R I Regt	Lieut Rees-Mogg, R I Regt
Lieu-Col C R Bartlett, R A M C	Lieut K H J Gregory, R F A
Capt and Major G M Panter-Downes, R I Regt	Lieut T W McRhodes, R F A
Capt and Mrs C Ainslie and 3 children, R E	Lieut G O M Furnell, R I Regt
Capt A E Master, R A M C	Lieut J S Fitzgerald, R I Regt
Capt H E Staddon, R A M C	Lieut L W M Lloyd, R I Regt
Capt D Lawson, R A M C	Lieut H R Gunning, Devon Regt
Capt and Adjt H N Kelly, R I Regt	2nd Lieut A W C Knox, R I Regt
Capt and Mrs C A Carruthers and 2 children, 30 Stafford Regt	2nd Lieut I B George, R I Regt
Capt A J Poole, Warwick Regt	2nd Lieut H S L Maydwell, Connaught Rangers
Capt I W H Lyon Indian Army	2nd Lieut A R Gordon, R I Regt
Capt F S Lillie, R I Regt	2nd Lieut R Lascelles, Durham, L I
Capt E L Challenor, Leicester Regt	Sub-Lieut Vibart, R I Marine
Capt W Northey, Durham L I	Sub-Lieut Hamilton, R I Marine
Capt D C Faichnie, Leicester Regt	Widow of Major Blake and child, M W S
Capt J J Prescott, R A M C	Sister of Capt Ford, Indian Army
Hon Lieut R Orr, S and T Corps	Wife of Capt Crauford, Vety Dept
Hon Lieut and Qr-Mr and Mrs J J Fox and 5 children R I Regt	Widow of Col Sandys and daughter, S and T Corps
	Wife of Capt Burnard, Indian Army
	Wife of Lieut Sparkes and child, R A M C

DEATH OF MR. G. A. BARNETT, C.I.E.

Many old friends in Bombay must have received with deep regret the intelligence of the death in England of Mr. G. A. Barnett, C.I.E., late Agent of the G. I. P. Railway Company. He was an old servant of the G. I. P. Railway Company. As Agent of the Company Mr. Barnett was well known in Bombay, and he filled the post to the entire satisfaction of Government, the mercantile community, and the Railway staff till his retirement in 1901 when the Government took over the line from the original Company. The deceased came out to India as Secretary to the Committee before the agency of the Railway Company was formed, and was subsequently appointed auditor. He was for many years the Honorary Colonel of the G. I. P. Railway Volunteer Corps. He was also a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Port Trust Agent, and formerly Sheriff of Bombay. He leaves behind him a son, who holds the position of Resident Engineer on the Company's line, and several daughters to mourn his loss.

LENT AND THE PLAGUE.

The Bishop of Bombay has issued the following injunction :—

In view of the prevalence of sickness in this Presidency, I enjoin on all faithful members of the Church of England who may be either directly or approximately exposed to the danger of infection that they hold themselves dispensed from all obligation to the physical observance of the Lenten fast until such time as the present condition of danger shall have disappeared. And I desire to impress on all who are engaged in attendance on the sick, or in any spiritual or corporal works of mercy, the paramount duty of preserving themselves in that condition of bodily efficiency which is called for by the claims of those to whom they minister.

J. BOMBAY.

THE NEW FLAGSHIP.

The Hyacinth which is said to be the new flagship of the East India Squadron is a sistership of the Highflyer, and has been engaged in the boiler tests with the Minerva. The new flagship is of steel, sheathed and coppered, 2 screws, 3 funnels fore and aft, 2 masts with one fighting top, low on each, but lower on main than on fore. Her length, is 350 ft., beam, 54 ft. mean draught, 20 ft. 6 in. displacement, 5,600 tons I. H. P. nat. 10,000=20 kts., coal cap., 600-1,100 tons. Engines : 2 sets 4 cylinders, triple expansion, by builders London and Glasgow Co. Protection : protected deck 1·5 to 3 in. conning tower, 6 in. armament : 11-6 in. Q. ; 9-12 Pr. Q., 8 of 12 cwt., 1 of 8 cwt., 6-3 Pr. Q. ; 6-45 in. Maxim mach. ; Torpedo tubes, 2, submerged ; 7 torpedoes (18 in.), compt. 437.

THE WORLD'S ENTERTAINERS.

By an inadvertence this company of artistes, who, as announced in our advertisement columns, will shortly appear in Bombay, was wrongly described in our issue of yesterday. The title of the company is as stated above, and the entertainment they provide is of a very attractive character.

A very serious accident happened at Umballa last week to Captain the Hon. H. Granville Heneage, 12th Lancers. While at stables Captain Heneage, finding fault with a trooper's grooming of a horse, undertook to show him how it should be done. The horse suddenly felled Captain Heneage to the ground, gnawed him on the face, smashed his teeth, and nearly killed him. It took over twenty troopers to get the vicious beast off the officer who now lies in a precarious state.

BOMBAY CENTRE ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES BY THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

At the Town Hall, Bombay, yesterday morning, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught performed the pleasant ceremony of presenting certificates in "First Aid" in connection with the Bombay Centre of St. John Ambulance Association There was a large gathering of ladies and gentlemen interested in the movement. After the Masonic function which preceded this ceremony was over, his Royal Highness, accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught, H. E. Lord Northcote, and Lady Northcote and the staff, arrived and was received by Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Low, and Mr. G. Lund, Honorary Secretary of the Association. Their Royal Highnesses entered the hall to the strains of the National Anthem, the whole assembly standing. Amongst those present were : Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Low, Brigadier-General Sir James Willcocks, the Hon. Sir James Monteath, Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy, Bart., Surgeon-General W. McConaghy, the Hon. Mr. E. M. Fulton, the Hon. Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Colonel W. H. Riddell, Colonel W. Allen, R. A. M. C., Lieutenant-Colonel H. P. Dimmock, Major Lloyd Jones, Mr. Muljee B. Barbhaya, Mr. James Macdonald, Mr. George Lund, Mr. E. H. Aitken, Dr. K. E. Dadachanjee, and others.

Their Royal Highnesses having taken their seats, Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Low said :—

May it please your Royal Highness,—Your Royal Highness will have learned from the report, which you have already received, the progress which has been made since the formation of the Centre in May 1901, and the interest which has been taken in the work by their Excellencies Lord and Lady Northcote and by the general public, European and native alike. I shall, therefore, only have a few remarks to make before asking you to fulfil your Royal Highness' kind wish to show your interest in the work of the Centre, by presenting certificates.

Looking back over the work accomplished by the Centre during the short time it has been in existence, we have every reason to be gratified and encouraged by the progress we have made. Already four hundred and twenty-one men have qualified for certificates in First Aid. Thanks mainly to the untiring zeal and energy of the Secretaries to the Bombay Branch of the Y. W. C. A. the movement has been warmly supported by the ladies, of whom 153 have qualified and 19 passed the re-examination. To Dr. A. M. Benson, M. D., the principal lecturer, who instructed two classes in First Aid and Home Nursing, in both of which the average of passes was exceptionally high, we are deeply indebted for the time she has devoted to this work in the midst of duties which are both onerous and exacting.

We had hoped that 19 ladies would have received medallions, but, owing to an unfortunate error, for which this Centre is in no way responsible, the rules were not complied with and vouchers for re-examination only can be granted. An examination for medallists is now being arranged, and we are sanguine that all will receive the distinction later on. In the Mofussil we have found enthusiastic and able coadjutors in Dr. Nanavatti and Dr. Kailanwalla in the busy city of Ahmedabad, and in Captain Howell, R. A. M. C., at Khandalla. Captain Howell gave a course of instruction to a class of keenly interested soldiers, forty of whom passed an excellent examination by Dr. Hunt Cooke. There is no department of work of more practical value than that amongst the railway servants and the police, whose duties bring them into touch with so many cases where First Aid is of the greatest material advantage. On the Bombay Baroda Railway Dr. Deane has, with the permission of the Agent, passed forty-four men, and we hope that, when the exigencies of traffic permit, similar steps will be taken on the G. I. P. Railway.

With the permission of the Commissioner of Police Dr. Arthur Powell, Police Surgeon, has instructed and passed 31 European Officers and Dr. Dinanath B. Naik Dandekar, Honorary Life Member of the Association, 134 of the Native Police. At the six principal police stations in the City the Centre has placed a "First Aid Haversack" and folding stretcher. With the consent of the Acting Commissioner it is proposed that competitions in Ambulance Drill and First Aid shall be held periodically, details for which are being arranged by the Police Surgeon, and Major J. L. Lloyd Jones, I. M. S., Associate Member of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The Challenge Shield and Medals will be presented by the Honorary Secretary of the Centre. It is also proposed to place at each police station an Emergency Calendar, specimen of which is on the table. In connection with the police, it is gratifying to note that on two occasions Native Sepoys have put the instruction they have received to practical use by applying artificial respiration to two lads taken out of the sea in the Harbour in an insensible condition and reviving them. The cases were duly reported to the Acting Commissioner who rewarded the men by giving them marks which will count towards promotion. Minor accidents have been also attended to by other members holding certificates. Of the Government, Telegraph Signallers, of whom Mr. E. A. Kenyon, our Honorary Treasurer, is Superintendent, 48 hold certificates. Under their Superintendent Rao Bahadur Trimbuck Vaidya, Dr. K. N. Gokhale has instructed a number of the employee's of the Secretariat Press, many of whom have qualified for certificates. Dr Sir Balchandra Krishna and Dr. K. E. Dadachanji have instructed classes and strenously advocated the aims of the Association amongst the Hindu and Parsee communities. Had time permitted it would have been agreeable to mention the names of others who have most kindly helped in the work. Sufficient has, however, been said to show to your Royal Highness how much interest has been taken in the work in the presidency and this City. But when all is said, we have touched only the fringe of the great work which is before the Centre. The object of the St. John Ambulance Association stands now in no need of justification. The enormous value of having a considerable percentage of the community able to give prompt assistance in those cases of distressing accidents which come daily under our ken has been abundantly demonstrated in Great Britain. In India the need is far greater, the ignorance of the masses of the population, the difficulty in securing medical advice, render it doubly important that in all our principal cities a knowledge of First Aid should be widely diffused. We are sanguine, your Royal Highness, that the keen interest you have shown in the work, for which we are indeed most grateful, will stimulate our loyal workers to even greater exertion, bring enthusiastic recruits to their too thin ranks, and create a wider atmosphere of sympathy for this noble means of alleviating human misery and suffering. Before handing the certificates to the recipients, I will ask your Royal Highness on behalf of the Translators graciously to accept copies in the Vernacular of Shepherd's "First Aid" Nursing Manuals, in Urdu, Marathi, and Gujerati.

Copies of the books referred to by Sir Robert Low was then handed to his Royal Highness, who then proceeded to hand the certificates to those who had been awarded them. The recipients of the certificates included :—18 European and 15 Hindu ladies, 34 employees of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, 40 soldiers, 18 Parsees, one European police officer, and 36 native policemen, and 20 from the Secretariat Press, which included Mr. George Lund, the Secretary of the local centre of the Association.

His Royal Highness in addressing the assembly said :—

Your Excellencies, ladies, and gentlemen,—Before I left England the Grand Master of the Order, the Prince of Wales, asked me if I would take an opportunity of showing the interest I take in the St John Ambulance work, and I had an interview with Colonel Tate at Delhi, when it was arranged that I might have an opportunity here at Bombay, with the permission of his Excellency the Governor, of meeting those who were doing such good work on the part of the St. John Ambulance Association and of presenting certificates. You have all heard the report which has been read by the General Officer commanding the Bombay Army, and I am very pleased to see that Sir Robert Low takes such very deep interest in promoting this good work, and I am certain that the Bombay Centre is very grateful for the great interest shown by his Excellency the Governor and Lady Northcote—(applause)—in a work which is still in its infancy, but which will, I hope, spread far and wide throughout India. To those gentlemen, British and native, I desire to express my grateful appreciation of the time they have given up to this work, and of the excellent results which have already attended their endeavours. Help to those who through accident are momentarily incapacitated, and who for immediate aid may not be able to get the attendance of a medical officer, is of such importance that I am certain that in a country like India, where there is great humanitarian feeling, they will readily respond to the endeavours which are being made by the St. John Ambulance Association to promote its objects, and teach those who are mostly brought into contact with passengers and others how to render "First Aid." Such people are naturally the police and the employes of the railways. And I am very much pleased to see that the Commissioner of the Bombay Police and the Bombay and Baroda Railway have so largely taken up this work, and that already two of the police have been able to put to practical test the great advantages of "First Aid" by which two boys taken out of the sea almost dead were able to be restored to animation. (Applause.) Ladies and gentlemen, this is a special work in which ladies can do a great deal, and I am certain that the kindly interest taken by ladies, both British and native, in this work will largely promote its propogation throughout the country. Bombay has taken a leading part in the St. John Ambulance work, and considering that it is only two years since it was first started I may say that I am immensely struck and very much pleased to see what has already been done. We hope that it is not going to remain in Bombay alone, but that all parts of India will take this work up and will recognise its utility and its influences. It is not so long since this work was started in England, but the way in which it has spread during the past twenty years has been marvellous. I do not know what we should have done in the late war in South Africa had it not been for the assistance given by the bearer companies who went out from the St. John Ambulance Association, and who were able to assist the Royal Army Medical Corps in their onerous duties. Let me assure you, ladies and gentlemen, that not only I, but her Royal Highness, who has kindly come to-day, takes the deepest interest in this work. (Applause.) I wish it every possible success, and I hope that our coming here to-day will show you the very practical interest we take in the work which we are sure is only in its infancy in India, and which will, we hope, spread amongst all nationalities and many creeds, and that as time goes on there will not be a town or village in India not having in it some one who has obtained a St. John Ambulance certificate. (Lord Aplause.)

Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy said : May it please Your Royal Highness,—Your Royal Highness, it is no conventional expression of gratitude that we would wish to convey to yourself in acknowledgment of your good offices in assisting by your presence here the work of the St. John Ambulance Association. In Western India the memory of your helpful practical sympathy with all works having for their object the amelioration of the lot of the people of this country is still green, and this is only one more proof of your solicitude for the welfare of the loyal Indian subjects of the British Crown. Your kindness is the more appreciated, because we stand in need of all the support and encouragement we can command. The work of the Association has made a considerable advance since it was inaugurated in this Presidency, and we can now claim that it is firmly established here. But living as we are in the midst of a dense and an extremely ignorant population, helpless in the face of emergencies, it is only by the active and sustained interest of the leaders of society that we can hope to make the Association what it ought to be—an ever present agency for help in the distressing accidents which are constantly occurring. On this common ground, the relief of suffering humanity, all races and creeds can and do meet, and we shall leave here to-day encouraged by your Royal Highness's presence, and stimulated to further exertions by your words of gracious sympathy and counsel. (Applause.)

Three hearty cheers were given for their Royal Highnesses, and the proceedings terminated.

FREEMASONRY IN INDIA.

MASONIC DEPUTATION TO H. R. H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.

In the Durbar Room of the Town Hall, at 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon, H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of England and Honorary Past Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, received a deputation from the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry and the District Grand Lodge of Bombay. At 10-30 a.m. the members of the deputation assembled in the Durbar Room, the following high Masons representing the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry :—Messrs. R. W. L. Dunlop, K. R. Cama, M. C. Murzban, P. N. Wadia, Mirza Hussain Khan, R. Woolcombe, D. F. Commissariatwalla, Arthur W. Wise, K. N. Kabraji, Dr. Dhanjisha R. Tata, F. Noel-Paton, W. W. Wilson, J. C. Mistree, and C. Brown. The District Grand Lodge was represented by the Hon. Mr. J. Tate, Messrs. R. S. Brown, F. R. Joshi, D. R. Chichgar, N. Roberts, W. A. Haig-Brown, E. C. B. Acworth, Dr. S. K. Nariman, Messrs. F. Seymour Dove, S. R. Bomonjee, G. MacKenzie, Manekjee R. Surveyor, R. D. Hughes, H. O. Coates, Dr. Salts, Messrs. Jamsetjee Master, and Mr. Bhandarkar Pleader. The Duke and the Governor were attended by Dr. Croly and Captain Crawford. The Scotch Masons were headed by Mr. R. W. L. Dunlop as Substitute Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry, and the English Masons by the Hon. Mr. Tate as Deputy District Grand Master of Bombay. The Duke and the Governor were received by the Hon. Mr. Tate ; and the Duke having taken his seat on the throne, the Masons filed in and stood in line in front of the Duke.

Lord Northcote, as Grand Master under both Constitutions, read an address of welcome to the Duke, referring to his services as District Grand Master of Bombay when he was in charge of the Bombay Army, and welcoming him to Bombay as Grand Master of England, in which office he had succeeded his Royal brother. The address said :—

The District Grand Lodge of Bombay and its territories, and its Daughter Lodges in conjunction with the Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India and its Daughter Lodges desire, in approaching your Royal Highness, to express the gratification they feel at your having been able, in company with your consort, her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, to revisit this country and to be present at the Imperial Durbar at which the Coronation of your august Brother, our beloved Sovereign the King-Emperor, was proclaimed to the Princes and people of India there assembled. The District Grand Lodge of Bombay is justly proud of the honour which was conferred upon it when your Royal Highness, while resident in this Presidency and holding the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army, became its District Grand Master, a post which you continued to hold until, upon the succession to the throne of his Majesty and his consequent resignation of the office of Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, you were elected to that exalted Chair which all members of the Fraternity trust you may long continue to occupy. The Grand Lodge of all Scottish Freemasonry in India gratefully recognize the high distinction attaching to it by its having the honour to offer your Royal Highness its warmest fraternal greetings as the most illustrious of its honorary Past Grand Masters. It affords both Grand Bodies unfeigned pleasure to be able to assure your Royal Highness that they continue to work together harmoniously and in the bonds of Brotherly Love under the Common Ruler ; and at the same time to assert their unswerving devotion and loyalty to the Throne and the Royal House of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. And they lastly pray that the G. A. O. L. U. may grant to your Royal Highnesses a prosperous Homeward voyage, and may long preserve you and your children in health and happiness.

Dated at Bombay this 21st day of February, 1903.

H. R. H. the Duke, in replying to the address, said :—Most Worshipful Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master and Brethren of the English and Scottish Constitutions,—I am indeed much touched at the very kind words which have just been read by the District Grand Master. I am very happy that an opportunity has been given me to meet the Brethren here on this occasion, and I am very sensible of their great wish and anxiety to show their regard for me as their Past District Grand Master, as is shown by their coming here to greet me in such numbers as they have to-day. I am truly grateful to his Excellency the Governor of Bombay for the interest he takes in the affairs of the district, and I am especially pleased that both the English and Scottish Constitutions are working together in such perfect harmony, as it is most essential in a country like India that our great principles of charity and good fellowship should be practised without friction. It affords me the greatest satisfaction to know that both Lodges are working together with such good feeling, and are doing everything they can for the good of the Craft by promoting the high principles of our ancient Order. The Grand Lodge of England watches with interest over all those Lodges working under it, and, as I am the Grand Master in succession to our Gracious Sovereign, it is but natural that I should feel a special

working of the Lodges in the Bombay District, and I most sincerely assure you that it is my most heartfelt wish that they may continue to do the good work they are doing. May God's blessings rest upon the District Grand Lodges! You have my assurance that as long as I am the Grand Master I will take the deepest interest in everything that may conduce to the welfare and prosperity of all those Lodges working under both Constitutions. (Applause.)

The Hon. Mr. John Tate then presented each member of the deputation with whom the Duke shook hands most cordially.

The proceedings then terminated.

The deputation subsequently adjourned to the compound of the Town Hall, where a group photograph of the gathering was taken by the representative of Messrs. Clifton and Co., photographers of Medows St.

VISIT TO ELEPHANTA CAVES.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, accompanied by their staff and the staff of his Excellency the Governor, including Mr. Claude Hill, Colonel Croley, and Captain Crawford, proceeded on a visit to the Elephanta Caves yesterday afternoon. After having their lunch at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club, the Royal party embarked on board the Royal Indian Marine steam launch Bee from Apollo Bander at a quarter past 3 o'clock and proceeded on their journey to the caves. Inspector Walton of the Harbour Police accompanied by two police officers preceded the Royal Party in the police launch to make arrangements for their landing at the caves. After visiting the caves and having their tea at that place their Royal Highnesses returned to Apollo Bunder at half past 6 o'clock, and drove to Government House.

PURDA PARTY AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

The Purdah Party at Government House on Monday was a brilliant success. Long before five o'clock, the hour for which the guests were invited, a line of carriages were to be seen wending their way on the road to Walkeshwar from Malabar and Camballa Hills, Girgaum, the Fort, and even from Colaba. Arrived at Government House the ladies found at the steps not the stalwart Body-guard in all their splendour, but smart maids, who ushered the guests into the hall, and from there the gaily dressed crowd moved on to be received by her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught and her Excellency Lady Northcote who stood near the door of the drawing room and made everyone welcome. The variety in race and costume was remarkable and amazingly picturesque, the gathering being fully representative of all the communities that make up the changing kaleidoscope of Bombay society. The European ladies—and even they represented many lands—wore the lightest and daintiest dresses, chiffon and muslin, and lace and soft silks in the most delicate shades, with hats that were large enough to afford shelter in the brightest sun-light, and trimmed in decorative fashion with a reckless display of flowers and feathers and priceless laces. The Parsee ladies attended in large numbers and in their graceful silk saris and fine jewels—diamonds abounding in ears and on necks and wrists—made a brave show. Hindu ladies of the higher castes there were, in clothing of more sombre hue, and bearing the red caste-mark on their foreheads. Mahomedans in silver and gold tissue veils, richly embroidered, and in stiff brocade dresses with strings of pearls on their hair and neck, and diamonds scintillating as they moved, their fingernails daintily dyed with henna and their beautiful almond shaped eyes made still more expressive with kohl, reminded one of the Arabian Nights again and again. There were Persian ladies, dressed in a fashion quite different from the rest, with short, full, and very stiff skirts over white—well-divided garments, reaching to their toes. These were literally covered with pearls and precious stones. When all had made their curtsey to the Duchess—and her Royal Highness returned again and again to her post near the door as later and later relays of guests arrived—the rooms and verandahs were so full, it was not easy to circulate, until the tide set towards the tea-tables, laid out with an inviting profusion of good things in the dining-room. Miss Meyer's beautiful singing drew every one again to the drawing-room. Mrs. Bingham and Madame Duran also sang and Mrs. Millard played some of Mendelssohn's music, while the assembly of the fair of all nations thronged the rooms and verandahs, making one think of Paradise and the Peri and all Oriental fables and poems. The Duchess of Connaught recognised many who had had the pleasure of meeting her Royal Highness during her previous residence in Poona and Bombay, and chatted pleasantly with many of the guests until late in the afternoon when her Royal Highness retired, and then by degrees the visitors departed.

Coming away in the dusk down the leafy avenue one saw the male members of the Government House party returning quietly and meekly to Malabar Point, apparently conscious that they had been very much "out of it" while the House was in possession of the most numerous and varied collection of brilliant butterflies that ever entered its portals.

Those present included almost every one of the European ladies of Bombay, Lady Jenkins, Mrs. and Miss MacArthur, Mrs. Crowe, Mrs. and Miss Aston, Mrs. Millard, Mrs. Noel Paton, Lady Willcocks, Miss Low, Mrs. and Miss Tate, Mrs. Wilkin, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Bannerman, Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Sanders Slater, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Peterson, Miss Hutchinson, Mrs and Miss Montgomery, Miss Fulton, Mrs. Carnegy, Mrs. Bingham, Mrs. and Miss Meyer, Mrs. Lang, Mrs. and Miss Turner, Mrs. Bowen and Miss Hussey, Mrs. and Miss Gray, Miss Russell, Mrs. Barrow, Mrs. Glazebrook, Mrs. and the Misses Sassoon, Mrs. Reddie, Mrs Burke, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Elton, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Rebsch, Mrs. Proctor, Miss Arnold, Madame Duran, Mrs. Grattan Geary, Mrs. and Miss Meade, Mrs. Burns, and many more. Mrs. and Miss Pherozeshaw Mehta, Lady Petit, Miss Petit, Lady Jamsetjee, Mrs. Seervai, Mrs. Murzban, Miss Wacha were but a few of the Parsee ladies present, while Mrs. Chandavarkar and her daughter, Mrs. Mulji Barbhaya, several of the Goculdas Tejpal family, and many others represented the Hindus. The nieces of H. H. the Aga Khan, Mrs. Budrudin Tyabji with several of her daughters, a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hussan Ali and her daughters, the wife of the Nawab of Jinjira, the wife of Nawabzada Nasrulla Khan, of Miya Abbas Khan, and of Mirza Ali Beg were some of the large number of Mahomedan ladies that were present.

THE FIRE AT PRINCE'S DOCK.

OFFICIAL REPORT.

The following official report regarding the recent fire at the Prince's Dock has been submitted to the Commissioner of Police by Superintendent Grennan. About 12-45 p. m. on Monday a Purdesi watchman, named Ramratal Kali, employed by Dharsi Nanji and Co. to look after their goods stored on Frere Road, seeing flames issuing from some bales of hemp lying on an open piece of ground between Frere Road and Manson Road, raised an alarm of fire. Telephonic information was at once sent to the several Fire-brigade stations, but before their arrival the hemp lying on the open plot of ground, and that stored in a corrugated iron shed on the same plot caught fire as well as a quantity of cotton seed and other similar goods. The Dock fire engine, followed by several of the City Municipal engines soon came on the scene, and once having got to work the fire was soon got under control. The fire, however, is still smouldering. The fire is believed to be the result of careless "bidee" smoking on the part of either some labourer or some passer-by along the foot-path. The following firms sustained loss by the fire as mentioned: Dharsi Nanji and Co. Rs. 71,000, which is covered by insurance; Shivji Cooverji, a cotton merchant, Rs. 1,000; Lachmandas Kurrondas, Rs. 850; and Dharamsy Nursey, Rs. 6,000.

Denis Mockler, a rural postman, was fined £20 at Fethard Tipperary for having concealed a parcel of letters in a hayrick instead of delivering them.

ART, MUSIC, AND THE DRAMA.

THE SOCIETY OF WOMEN ARTISTS.

LONDON CONCERTS.

NEW PLAYS IN TOWN.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 6.

What subjects do women most delight to paint? Anyone interested in the question might well pay a visit to the Exhibition of the Society of Women Artists, opened yesterday in Suffolk-street, Pall-mall East. A rapid survey of the rooms devoted to pictures in water-colours and in oils immediately reveals the fact that children, seascape, and country scenes form by far the largest proportion of the subjects. Pictures suggested entirely by the imagination are almost entirely absent. Sporting subjects are, as might well be expected, represented by one canvas alone. Scenes in bygone history, or in modern history, are entirely absent. Poetry suggests nothing, except a title here and there. Indeed, from the whole world of literature little inspiration has arisen. And of those subjects that are so often chosen, how are they treated? First, take the children. How do they inspire the woman artist? Most often in the pensive or in the sad mood. How few of them are joyous, in the light-hearted, irresponsible manner common only to children! Even the baby in No. 368 shows only the ghost of her dimples, and the child in 464, who must surely be heartily enjoying her "first journey," is only faintly smiling at the life she sees around her; though, be it noted, she is not over-awed by her strange surroundings. On the other hand, picture after picture shows the child gazing sadly up to the sky, down to the earth, or to a flower in her lap, or far away into space; and always with thoughtful, melancholy expression: a true expression enough, but one that is surely more the exception than the daily rule amongst the well-fed, well-clothed little ones here so continually represented.

Turn to pictures of the sea. The calmest mood of the ever-changing, restless waters is continually painted; the sea with a boat or two lying idle on the sleeping waves; most often the corner of a harbour now and again a stretch of sand washed by the sea; these are my recollections of such pictures. Those that tell of the sound of great waters, of the terror of the storm, of the relentless fury of the sea, are to be counted by twos and three alone. If I am not mistaken, they do not number half-a-dozen. And country scenes. There are lands and woods, gardens and corners of village streets. And their treatment is as varied as their subject. But in very few does the imagination have play. Very few are raised above the level of mere sketches. For the rest, animals, particularly dogs, and flowers make up the bulk of the pictures on view. The "harmless necessary cat" is not a great favourite, and still life in general is avoided. Thus, a visit to the society's exhibition leads to the conclusion that women painters paint little, but what they see, using the verb "see" in a limited sense. And the mood in which they paint is that of the woman who observes life in its more passive aspects; seeing it seldom in the great emotions, whether of joy or sorrow; whilst the imagination is seldom active. This conclusion may or may not be just, according to whether the exhibition may be considered as representative or not. And surely, with the title the society bears (even though many well-known names are absent amongst its exhibitors this year), it must be considered as representative of our women artists of the day.

There was a disappointment at the Symphony Concert on Saturday afternoon when Madame Felix Kraus was unable to sing, as had been announced, owing to indisposition. Her place, however, was filled by Dr. Kraus's singing a couple of numbers in her stead in addition to what was originally set down to him. He was most successful in Schubert's beautiful "Der Tod und das Madchen," which was very discreetly accompanied by the orchestra, but although his voice is of pleasing quality and he sings with earnestness and intelligence, there seemed to be something lacking in his delivery which was wanting in conviction. The star of the afternoon was undoubtedly Mr. Harold Bauer, who repeated the success he made a short time since at a previous Symphony Concert. He plays with no semblance of affectation, which is a great deal to be thankful for nowadays, although his technique and musical intuition are on a very high plane. Mr. Bauer chose two pieces for his contribution to the programme. First of these was Schumann's "Introduction and Allegro Appassionata" Op. 92, which drew forth warmly deserved compliments from the audience. It was, however, in Liszt's "Tod entang" that the pianist found full opportunity for the display of his gifts. This work, which is intended to represent in music the same subject which Hans Holbein made famous in his celebrated "Dance of Death" paintings, has for its thematic foundation the old cantus firmus which is generally associated with the hymn "Dies Iræ." A series of variations most ingeniously suggest different personages, such as the scoffing sceptic, the praying monks, the lovely maiden, and so on, over whom one is never allowed to forget that Death holds inevitable sway. The music is strangely impressive, the orchestral colouring being obtained by a variety of effective devices while the solo part is from beginning to end a vehicle for the display of the most advanced virtuosity. Mr. Bauer played with remarkable power, his rendering of the scale and glissando passages being neat and finished as the most fastidious could desire. Mr. Wood obtained an excellent performance of Brahms's popular Symphony No. 2 in D as well as of the Theme and Variations from Tschaikowsky's Suit No. 3 in G, which items respectively opened and closed the concert.

On Monday night Miss Gladys Naylor-Carne gave an orchestral concert which may be described as a sort of combination entertainment—one which would have been very effective if the performer had been a distinctly great and understood artist in each instrument which she essayed to play. We cannot help thinking that an exhibition of virtuosity such as this cannot be exactly reconciled with genuinely real feeling for that which is best in art. As a matter of fact, Miss Naylor-Carne does not play the violin excellently well; her tone is distinctly thin, and far too often in the G minor Concerto by Max Bruch for violin and orchestra she dismissed the idea of nicely accurate tune with almost a careless want of purpose. This particular concerto needs for a proper realization a considerable quality of breadth, and also of feeling for the extensive and wide sentiment of the violin. Max Bruch (unfortunately for the player), without writing what may be described as a really great composition, nevertheless wrote when he composed this concerto a work which is extremely trying even to the most highly accomplished violin player, from a technical standpoint. The "Adagio," which contains rather a mingling of beautiful phrases than a development from a definite beginning to a beautiful result, still gives a great opportunity to any interpreter's thought for that which is touching in music, even if it does not reach the highest sort of pathos. Miss Naylor-Carne, while at times touching the fringe of the composer's meaning did not succeed in achieving a really fine result. In her capacity as a pianoforte player her performance of the solo part in Tschaikowsky's Concerto in B, flat minor showed that she had practised with very considerable ease, and that she had been industrious and regular in her determination to accomplish success. Still, as a pianoforte player she must be described as lacking sentiment and delicacy of touch. This, as it seems to us, is almost a necessary incident to the particular role which she has taken up. The very serious question which has to be made concerning her future career is this: Does she purpose to fritter away valuable time in the attempt to become a sort of Admirable Crichton or will she devote herself definitely to one or the other art which she feels most suited to her temperament? That she has a good deal of artistic feeling is obvious; that she is ready to spread too much of that artistic feeling over the means at her command, the programme of the concert of last night proves for itself. Her very real and genuine talent suffers from want of concentration, and however criticism may cease, Miss Lucy Bingham, after "O Love from thy Power," from Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah," with a sufficiently Parisian sense of the meaning of the music; and Mr. George Clutsam's Orchestral suite, "Harlequinade," a very clever translation of pantomime into music admirably played by the orchestra, was conducted by the composer himself. For the rest, Mr. Landon Donald conducted in the two concertos with keen feeling for the right orchestral effects, and with a knowledge of detail that in our mind proves him to be in some ways quite exceptional as a most musicianly conductor. He demonstrated his power of leading one group of instruments into another without any break in the musical idea, thus realising the composer's intention in a manner that was often most artistically effective.

On Tuesday night, at the Bechstein Hall, Miss Edith Robinson gave a violin recital—the first of "Three Historical Violin Recitals," under the direction of F. L. Robinson—which proved her to be an artist of exceptional and first-rate value. Indeed, it is long since we have, as one may call it, in the ordinary run of concerts come across a really sensitive completely equipped player like Miss Robinson. Her programme was exceedingly interesting, and her playing of Purcell's Sonata in G minor showed that she had an instinct for the intimate things of music, and a feeling for that which is best in the art, that are quite outside the common attitude towards musical interpetation; then she began to surprise emotion; finally she riveted attention and compelled one to understand that here was a player of almost amazing capability. After hearing her play Purcell, Richard Jones, Bach, and Scarlati we looked forward with some interest to her interpretation of the Corelli. She played his well-known Sonata in D major with a most intimate feeling for the spirit which "informed" the generation in which the work was written; she seemed really to understand how to realize the song of the master spirits who produced work such as this. Perhaps the best element in her art as it was shown to us last night was the freshness and the unfailing sense of youth which she gave to her audience. In the Variations by Tartini "On a Gavotte" by Corelli she showed her real talent, and her wonderful memorial sense then again her attitude towards the instrument which she has chosen for the interpretation of the music that she wishes to realize in sound is so reverently personal and so definitely individual that we can but say that she has a right to attack her own ambitions in just the sort of way which she selects for herself. As to her mastery over the violin, it is only to be said that she knows its capabilities almost as the greater masters knew it. She seems, as far as we can judge to have the artistic temperament developed in the highest degree; she not only works with a will, but she feels all her work with a depth of sentiment that makes one understand what has well been called "the other world of art." Moreover, she has a true and youthful way of expressing her artistry; but youth without the background of knowledge and significant accomplishment means nothing to the world of keen desires. It only remains to add that Mr. J. A. Fuller-Maitland was very worthily responsible for the arrangement of certain songs which were sung by Mrs. Hutchinson; that the same lady sang in a somewhat professional but not unconvincing manner a series of songs that involved the musical spirit of about a century and a quarter, and that she proved herself to be an admirable exemplar of one who can teach many people to sing in the proper spirit and with a right choice both of hesitation and of emphasis.

Though Mr. Mark Ambient calls his play, "A Song Little Kingdom," produced on Saturday night, a comedy, a title which gave more open promise of tender sentiments dispensed with a simple traditional copiousness would convey a more accurate idea of its character. The scene is laid throughout in an attic in Soho, the room "up four pair of stairs" which forms, on Thackeray's authority, the "Sung little Kingdon" of Bernard Gray, a musical composer. In the same house lives Dolly, a young girl whom he has taken care of since her mother's death, and when there appears the bluff and beneficent Ben Kershaw, inventor and sole proprietor of a sauce, gold-producing beyond the dreams of avarice, it does not take long for the obtuse of the audience to foresee that the reunion of a long-severed father and daughter will not be long postponed. Kershaw considers that his life has been saved by Bernard's brother Hubert, a young doctor with a natural simplicity which defies at times his somewhat calculating efforts and developes a propensity to befriend the whole party with lavish speed. Stimulated by Hubert's manifestation of a similar sentiment, Bernard discovers that he is in love with Dolly; and the curtain falls upon Kershaw promising to put upon a stage replete with every luxury his opera, "The Kingdom of Love," which had previously been rejected owing to its deficiency in "Gallic salt." Such is the bare plot, and for those playgoers who like sentiment and unsophistication, hand-wringing, manly tears, childish laughter, and all the rest of the familiar old mixture, there are about "A Sung Little Kingdom" the makings of a popular piece. But nothing except the way Mr. Charles Warner got hold of the house would have made the autobiographical monologue on the part of old Kershaw, which almost monopolises Act 2, anything but insufferable. The conclusion of the whole thing, again, drags its slow length along miles in the rear of the audiences accurate prophetic sense. And the entire part of the hospital nurse is perfectly superfluous, and could be eradicated without leaving so much as a scar.

The piece owes much to the actors, and above all to Mr. Charles Warner's admirable representation of the warm-hearted old Yorkshireman. But Mr. Lyn Harding and Mr. H. B. Warner are both good as the two very different brothers. Miss Maude Danks is quite adequate as Dolly, and Miss Nancy Price does what can be done with the most unsatisfactory part of the nurse. And in the part of the asthmatic but soft-hearted landlady, Mrs. Blower, a mine of observant humour is discovered by Mrs. Cosmos Calvert. Miss Nancy Price and Mr. H. B. Warner took the chief parts in the neat and well-balanced piece "The Honour of a Rogue," written in collaboration with Mr. Cosmo Hamilton by Miss A. Constance Smedley, with whose work it is perhaps no breach of confidence to say that readers of the "St. James's Gazette" are already familiar unawares under the pseudonym of "The Boudoir Critic." The conflict of love with honour is sketched in the person of Captain Jerry Lovell, a highwayman of unexceptionable chivalry, in the vicinity of Whitby. The sheriff's daughter has procured him a respite of a few hours, confesses her love for him—and the lugger is in the bay. But the hero, of course, could not love her, dear, so much, loved he not honour more, and he departs to surrender himself to the sheriff of York. The crisis depicted in the little piece is deftly and strongly drawn, and it found a warmly appreciative audience.

THE EMISSARY.

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The Emissary turned upon him, white to the lips with passion: "You think with your miserable plots that you have prevented me from going where I wish; it is always the same with your nation; but I shall go; I shall go all the same; your Bery-Bery is not the only port on the Continent; and, for me, I go now to the other side and up the Great River. Some day you will discover that your intrigues have been in vain." The Resident laughed and asked him to dinner. But let us give the Emissary his due. What he said he would do he did, and he was discovered in the very middle of that Continent by a certain expedition, to which he caused considerable embarrassment. The Sahib came over and stopped in the Resident's house, and they laughed long and loud. "Just as long," said the latter, "as they confine themselves to etravaguing about in gunboats and putting up tin flags on the lumps of holystone that call themselves islands hereabouts, it's all right; they only waste flagpoles and paint; but I think you and I know just the spot to which that scientific expedition was directing its footsteps, and whatever happens now he can't get there for at least two years." And it is curious to relate that this turned out a singularly accurate prophecy.

The "P. & T. Times" hears on good authority that the proposed new line from the North-West gate of Peking to the Summer Palace is to be a railway of standard gauge, and not an electric tramway.

THE SOMALILAND EXPEDITION.

RETURN OF THE CANNING.

The Royal Indian Marine steamer Canning, Commander G. S. Hewett, which sailed from Bombay on the 30th December last with No. 1 Company, Bombay Sappers and Miners, for Obbia returned to this port yesterday morning. The Canning arrived at Obbia on the 8th January, but the troops could not be landed then on account of the roughness of the weather.

The work of landing the troops, commenced on the following day, and it took nearly four days before it was completed. The Canning remained at Obbia until the 23rd January, when she left for Aden with war despatches, reaching there on the 27th January. She again left or Berbera on the 30th idem, arriving on the following day, when she embarked three hundred camels for Obbia. She left Berbera on the 4th instant, and reached Obbia on the 8th instant. The camels were sent ashore in the ships boats. The Canning lost a launch by the rough weather while at Obbia. H. M. S. Cossack visited Berbera on the 3rd instant and returned to Aden the next day. The R. I. M. S. Hardinge arrived at Obbia on the 14th instant. She will remain there as a Hospital ship. A portion of the troops, under general Manning, have moved into the country, and active preparations were being pushed on for the remainder to advance on the 22nd instant. The officers and crew rendered valuable service in transport work during the Canning's stay at Obbia.

CUSTOMS OFFICERS AT BALLARD PIER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

Sir,—I beg the favour of your allowing me space in your friendly columns to enter a protest against the remarks of the "Pioneer" in the matter of the Customs staff at Ballard Pier. Customs officers have a most disagreeable task to perform, and it is hard on them that they should be abused for doing what they are paid for. They are in the course of their duty very often obliged to detain arms which the Government of India prohibit the importation of, and they are often obliged to make people pay, who would be glad to go through the world without paying a pie for anything and for whom the payment of duty is a cruel ordeal. That people smarting under the vigilance of those paid to watch should be given the columns of a paper of the standing of the "Pioneer" to hurl their flouts and gibes seems to me a great pity. We are living in a free country, and people are free to express their opinions, but I submit there is no justification for words that we do nothing but breed malice and hatred, and malice are moreover untruthful.

Smartness in dress and appointments is not a strong point in the Bombay Customs House. The scale of salary does not allow of it, nor does it contribute to efficiency. Had the unfortunate men who are the subject of the "Pioneer's" strictures been less efficient they would probably have not incurred the display of the smart writer in the "Pioneer." As a matter of fact there are men at Ballard Pier of the stamp of those at Victoria and Charing Cross, for the staff is recruited in no small measure from discharged men from the army.

As one who has moved about and heard casual remarks from passengers I am able to say that many who have knowledge of other lands and other people say they have never been at any port where baggage is more speedily and more conveniently and from the passenger point of view better dealt with. When the larger vessels of the P. and O Co. in the season come with 500 and 600 passengers there is as much as 600 or 700 tons of baggage to be landed, sorted, scrutinized, and passed. This is all done in a single day, and I do not think there is anything anywhere to beat that record. The credit of landing and sorting belongs to the P. and O. Co, the residue of the credit is due to the groups of "indistinguishables" who fall under the censure of the "Pioneer." This is no counterblast but a sober presentment of facts on which the public are invited to consider and judge.—Yours, etc,

COMMON SENSE.

Bombay, 24th February, 1903.

MR. FELIX STERNBERG'S CONCERT.

For an afternoon concert Mr. Felix Sternberg was favoured with a numerous audience in the Town Hall yesterday. The gathering was well repaid for its attendance and acknowledged this by heartily expressing its appreciation of Mr. Sternberg's pianoforte playing. The programme was interesting, and revealed Mr. Sternberg as an artiste of great brilliance. His performance of each of the items was loudly applauded by an audience which was nothing if not highly critical, and his reception will no doubt lead to further recitals before the musical public of Bombay. The programme of yesterday's concert was diversified by the appearance of Miss Procter and Mr. Astell. Miss Procter sang Cherubini's "Ave Maria" to the great pleasure of the audience, and Mr. Astell played a violin solo in his accustomed admirable manner Mr. Faulkner played the accompaniments for these artistes. The programme of the concert was as under:—

1. Sonata C, major Op. 2 No. 3... L. v. Beethoven
   (a) Allegro con brio
   (b) Adagio
   (c) Scherzo
   (d) Allegro assai
   (Mr. FELIX STERNBERG.)
2. Song..... Ave Maria ..... Cherubini
   (Miss PROCTER.)
3. (a) Barcarolle G. minor ... P. Tschaikowsky.
   (b) Impromptu Op. 1 & 2 No. 2. Fr. Schubert.
   (Mr. FELIX STERNBERG.)
4. Violin Solo..... Romanze ..... T. Svendsen.
   (Mr. ASTELL.)
5. Grande Fantaisie Hongroise..... Fr. Liszt.
   (Mr. FELIX STERNBERG.)

THE FAMINE.

The number of persons in receipt of relief during the preceding and present weeks in each Province of India is shown in the following table:—

Name of Province.	Preceding week. (Revised figures.) Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.
British Provinces.			
Central Provinces	23227	5026	28253
Total British Provinces ..	23227	5026	28253
Native States.			
Rajputana States	...	631	631
Total Native States ...	...	631	631
Grand Total ..	23227	5657	28884

Name of Province.	Present Week. Relief works.	Gratuitous relief.	Total.	Increase or decrease.
British Provinces.				
Central Provinces	24218	5817	30035	+ 1782
Total British Provinces ...	24218	5817	30035	+ 1782
Native States.				
Rajputana States	...	645	645	+ 14
Total Native States ...	...	645	645	+ 14
Grand Total ...	24218	6462	30680	+ 1796

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THE NEW BOMBAY DOCK SCHEME.

DETAILS OF THE PROPOSALS.

At a meeting of the Bombay Port Trust held on the 10th the following Report of Proceedings at a meeting of the Docks Committee held in the Trustees' Office on the 29th January was submitted.

There were present:—The Hon'ble Mr. N. C. Hughes, C.I.E Chairman; Mr. Fazulbhoy Vissam, C.I.E., Capt. W. S. Goodridge, C.I.E., R.N.; the Hon'ble Mr. J. M. Disk, and Messrs. F. Ritchie, H. C. Wright, H. E. E. Procter, G. A. Anderson.

The Secretary and Engineer attended.

The Committee, in the first instance, inspected the series of plans showing the whole of the proposals on record for dock accommodation in Bombay dating from 1855, including the projects by the Government Committee of that date for docks at Colaba; by the Hon'ble Mr. A. Malet for a large wet dock at Mody Bay with a series of tidal basins extending a far north as the P. & O. Dock; by Mr. R. Fairbairn (1859) for docks in Back Bay; by Capt. Ducat, R. E. (1869) for wet dock on the Byculla Flats; and others; the whole series ending with the alterdative schemes submitted last year by Mr. Messent for a large new dock at Body Bay including a new dry dock.

The Chairman said the business before the Committee was to consider and, if possible, decide on the general outlines of a scheme which the Board can be advised to adopt provisionally with a view to detailed plans and estimates being prepared. He mentioned that the scheme involved the expenditure of large sums of money, the approximate estimate of the cost of a dock as shown on plan D with sill at R. L. 51'00 being 303 lakhs (exclusive of the channel and of interest during construction), but that although this was of course a matter for serious consideration he might mention for comparison that the new Kidderpore Docks at Calcutta had cost Rs. 349 lakhs, and that the Prince's and Victoria Docks together cost Rs. 221 lakhs in all.

The Committee proceeded to consider the following points:—

The locality for the proposed extension. The dimension to be given to the new dock in respect of (a) Depth, (b) Length—(i) Berths, (ii) Turning space.

THE SITE OF THE NEW DOCK.

Mody Bay is now practically the only available site and this question resolves itself into whether the new dock shall be built in continuation southwards of the Victoria Dock, as proposed in the scheme by Mr. Squire, generally approved in 1897, or whether it shall be located further to the south and be a separate independent dock. The plans in this respect had previously been discussed by the Committee, and on the grounds that—The displacement of the large native trade now resorting to Carnac and Mody Bunders is most undesirable, it being now suitably located in touch with the native town; that basins to the south to replace these bunders would be not nearly so convenient in this respect; that they would take time and cost a large sum to construct, and that the boat traffic, in and out, would necessarily cross the south entrance channel to the new dock seriously hampering navigation, and that there is no practical advantage in making the new dock to communicate with the present docks,—the Committee unanimously adhered to the decision previously arrived at that the separate independent dock, shown on plan D, with entrance from the south, leaving the Carnac and Mody Bunder traffic undisturbed, should be adopted in preference to the alternative.

DIMENSIONS OF THE DOCK

Depth.—The most important consideration in this respect is the draft allowable for vessels passing through the Suez Canal. The present minimum depth of the Canal is reported to be 9 metres (29 1-2 feet) and the projected depth 9 1-2 (31 feet 2 inches). The present allowable draft in the Canal is 26 feet inches. The deepest drafted vessel, which left Bombay in 1901-02, was drawing 28 feet. From the evidence given before the London Port Commission it appears that the White Star Line of Steamers, trading to Australia, draw 32 1-2 feet when fully laden.

The proposal by the Engineer (Plan D) is to fix the sill of the new dock at R. L. 51'00, allowing for a draft of 31 feet.* The approximate cost of deepening the Wet Dock one foot is estimated at Rs. 4 1-2 lakhs, exclusive of the channel or including the extra depth for the dry dock Rs. 5 1-2 lakhs.

	T.	H.	D.
* H. W. O. N. Tides	8	3	5
Deduct	5	1	0
	3	2	5
Allow for clearance in Entrance ...	0	0	5
	3	1	0

Viewing the rapid advance now taking place in the size and draft of ships it appears certain that the Suez Canal must be further deepened before very long. To the draft allowable for the passage of the Canal has to be added an allowance for coal to be consumed on the voyage outwards from Bombay. Taking this into consideration as well as the prospects of increase in draft and remembering that it is very costly if not practically impossible, to increase the depth of docks of the proposed size after construction, the Committee are unanimously of opinion that the sill of the new dock should be fixed at R. L. 50'00 (bottom of dock R. L. 47'00) allowing for a draft in entrance of 32 feet at high water ordinary neaptides. The Committee consider that the Trustees should provide facilities in this respect and in respect of length of vessels well in advance of requirements and the docks should be designed to allow the trade of India the full benefit of the great natural advantages of the harbour in the matter of draft and size of ships.

It appears certain that the length of steamers engaged in the carrying trade with the East will largely increase. There has been a steady advance in the maximum length of ships calling here in the last ten years from 450 to 525 feet and the increase is likely now to be more rapid. Steamers 700 feet long between perpendiculars, are now being launched, in England, and the latest type of dry dock provides for a length of 800 to 850 feet. For these reasons the Committee recommend that the turning space in the new wet dock be not less than 1,100 by 1,050 instead of 900 by 1,050, and that the central jetty be made 1,500 feet instead of 1,200 feet in length, making the total length of the dock 100 feet more than shown on Plan D. Approximately the cost of this addition is Rs. 50 lakhs, to which Rs. 19 lakhs should be added for additional sheds for the extra length of quay, but the Committee are unanimously of opinion, for the reasons given in dealing with the draft to be provided, that the new dock should be in all respects up to anticipated requirements taking the widest view. It would be as impossible to lengthen as to deepen a dock of this kind except at very heavy cost, and taking account of the length of time that will elapse before the dock is completed, the Committee are satisfied that there would be no true economy in restricting the dimensions to less than they now recommend.

THE COST

The general plan of the dock of the dimensions now recommended is shown on Plan E. The approximate cost is estimated at Rs. 248 lakhs including the dry dock, hydraulic machinery, three-floored sheds to each berth and including also engineering charges but excluding interest during construction, and excluding also the entrance channel. The channel is estimated to cost very approximately Rs. 30 lakhs and could probably be carried out to the full depth gradually. The cold expenditure, if these proposals are accepted may be taken at Rs. 300 lakhs, including interest during construction, and would be spread over ten years or possibly longer as the channel, as remarked, could be deepened by degrees, and it would not be necessary in the first instance to provide the full complement of sheds for which Rs. 88 lakhs are included. These estimates are, however, very approximate and the Committee recommend that detailed plans and estimates be now called for, and, with that object in view have advised that immediate sanction be awarded to the estimate submitted with the Engineer's letter No. 242, dated 28th January 1903, amounting to Rs. 3,350 for complete supplementary borings, to ascertain the nature of the substrata and the depth of foundations necessary for the entrance and dock walls, etc. The expenditure to be charged in the first instance to Revenue.

The new dry dock, it is proposed, shall be 800 feet in length. The only possible location for it appears to be adjacent to the main dock entrance, and its construction will involve the removal of the Bulk Oil Installation on Mody Bay South reclamation (Shell Transport and Trading Co.) It is proposed to make room for its removal and also for the similar installation on the North reclamation (Royal Dutch Petroleum Co.) by reclaiming the foreshore south of the new dock up to the line of the Ballard Pier. This can be effected with the material excavated from the new dock. The cost of such reclamation effected in this way would not exceed from Rs. 12 to Rs. 15 per square yard, and the expenditure would be remunerative as an investment apart from the receipts now derived from the rents of the two existing installations, and the cost has not been included as part of the dock expenditure. On the expiry of their lease the Standard Oil Co. would probably also have to move to this reclamation.

The design for the new dock contemplates provision at the pier head for Mail Steamers at which passengers would be landed.

The statement was read and confirmed at a further meeting of the Committee on 5th inst.

Dimensions of present and proposed Docks. (Statement A.)

Port. Name of Dock.	Calcutta, Kidderpore. Dock.	Outer basin.	Bombay. Victoria.	Proposed.
Width of Entrance	60' & 80'	60 & 80'	80'	100'
Depth on sill H. W. O. N. T..	21'	29'	25'-3"	31'-0"
Lineal feet of Quayage	5,400'	.....	7,425'	9,900'
Water Area	33 Acres.	91 Acres.	25 Acres.	49 Acres.
Turning Space	This dock is oblong in shape with maximum width of 600'.	700'×600'	1,270'×630'	1,100'×1,500'
Length of Dry Dock	.....	.....	511'	800'

Port. Name of Dock	Prince's.	Victoria.	Proposed.
Width of Entrance..	60' & 55'	80'	100'
Depth on sill H. W. O. N. T.	25'-3"	27'-3"	33'-3"
Lineal feet of Quayage	5,260'	7,425'	9,900'
Water Area	30 Acres.	25 Acres.	49 Acres.
Turning Space.....	1,0[illegible]×750'	1,270'×630'	1,100'×1,500'
Length of Dry Dock	500'	.....	800'

* Note.—The Calcutta Dock is entered from the Basin. The water level of the dock is kept higher than the level of H. W. in the river by pumping, so that ships under 29 feet can always undock.

A printed copy of the report of the above proceedings having been circulated with copies of plans D & E to each Trustee, the report was not read.

Read the proceedings of the report of a meeting of the Docks Committee held on the 5th February.

A copy of the draft report of the proceedings at a meeting of the Docks Committee held on Thursday, the 29th January 1903, had been previously sent to each member of the Committee together with a copy of each of the two plans referred to therein as D and E respectively. The draft report of the proceedings of the last meeting mentioned above was read para. by para. by the Secretary and a statement marked A showing the principal dimensions of the present and proposed Docks and also the Calcutta Kidderpore Dock to be appended was also read,

THE NEW DRY DOCK.

The Chairman explained with reference to the statement in para. 4 that there is no practical advantage in making the new Dock to communicate with the present Docks—that there was one condition in which there would be advantage in that arrangement—namely, during exceptional weather when vessels might be unable to enter by the south channel, but that such occasions would probably be very rare and of short duration. Reference was also made to the possibility that it would prove desirable to make the new Dry Dock 850 instead of 800 feet long, as besides providing for exceptionally long ships in the future this length would allow of two large ships being docked together.

Mr. Fazulbhoy Visram suggested that the new Dry Dock should be a repairing Dock—the Board undertaking to execute repairs. It was considered that the latter suggestion was not practicable and that on the completion of the new Dock, the present Dry Dock would be made available for the repairs of vessels to be undertaken by firms engaged in that business.

A discussion further ensued as to the length of the entrance lock which is shown as 600 feet. It was explained that there would be a practical difficulty in extending this length and that ships of any length would be able to enter at high water without using the lock.

The draft proceedings were then unanimously confirmed and were signed by the Chairman in token of approval, subject to the words "the Committee" being substituted for the word "we

WRITERS AND READERS.

It will be heard with interest that Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, has written a book. It will shortly be published by Messrs. Harper under the title "For His People." The volume retells the real story of a peasant and patriot who lived in Japan in the feudal days. Thus it is a study of the Japanese life of that period, as well as a record of how Sogoro, the hero, won fame.

Among the younger Swedish writers, Gustaf Janson now occupies a leading place. He jumped into it two years ago, when he published a novel entitled "Paradise." Since then he has written a powerful story dealing with the effect of war on the character of fighting men. It was inspired by the South African campaign, and it is called "Abraham's Sacrifice." It has already appeared in eight different languages, and now Messrs. Methuen are to issue it in English.

Dr. Carl Lumholtz can still write "Unknown Mexico" as the title of a book which Messrs. Macmillan are publishing for him. It is a record of travel and investigation among the primitive Indians of Mexico. At first Dr. Lumholtz travelled with a party, but he found it necessary to do his work alone, if he was to complete it satisfactorily. Some of the Indians he found to be Christian, with Pagan beliefs transferred to Catholic uses; others were still all Pagan. It was his purpose to study these courteous and unspoiled barbarians, but he also saw much of Mexico at large.

Dr. Ellwanger has written a history of gastronomy. It covers the whole subject, from old times until to-day, and it will be published by Mr. Heinemann under the title "The Pleasures of the Table." While it touches upon the practical part of the art, it has most to say of its literature and history. No book of the sort could ignore the anecdote and story, but Dr. Ellwanger has gone in wholesome dread of the "chestnut." He has sought to tell his readers all about the first prepared dish of which there is any record. The book will be illustrated.

Mr. Murray will shortly publish the biography of Field-Marshal Sir Donald Stewart. It is, however, hardly an ordinary biography, since it consists largely of Sir Donald's letters. In these he tells first-hand the story of his picturesque career. The work has been edited by Mr. G. R. Elsmie, and is dedicated to Lady Stewart. It ought to tell us adequately, at last, of Sir Donald's great march in Afghanistan. He was a fine sportsman as well as a fine soldier, and in his later years, particularly, he delighted in golf. He once said to a friend that a good round of golf pleased him even more than a day's walk with his gun. When young he was a capital Highland dancer.

In his preface to "Truth," Zola's new book, which Messrs. Chatto will publish shortly, Mr. Ernest Vizetelly writes:—It is known that the series was to have comprised a fourth and concluding volume, which was to have been entitled "Justice"; and the actual writing of that volume would have been begun on September 29 last, if, at an early hour on that very day, the hand of Emile Zola had not been stayed for ever by a tragic death which a few precautions would undoubtedly have prevented. As is known, Zola worked very methodically, mapping out his time beforehand.

The Andamans and the Nicobars are two not very well known groups of islands in the Sea of Bengal. To them Mr. C. Boden Kloss and another scientist recently paid a visit for the purpose of studying their fauna. Now Mr. Murray is issuing a volume by Mr. Kloss, in which he gives an account of this expedition's work.

Where, beneath another sky,
Parrot islands anchored lie,

Sixteen specimens of small mammals, not previously known to exist in the islands, were found, and also ten hitherto unknown species of birds. It will be understood, therefore, that the scientists met with considerable success, and their travelling experiences alone were interesting. The book is illustrated.

A volume telling the story of "Catholic London Missions" from the Reformation to the year 1850 is promised by Mr. Sunds. It is by Miss Johanna H. Harting, and has a preface by Father Tyrrell. He says:—To have unearthed any fragments of that infinite treasure of history buried beneath the living London of to-day; to have supplied however few of the articulations of which its past can be reconstructed and set before our eyes—is a service of public utility. But it is to those interested in the fortunes of Catholicism in England during the long years of its humiliation, that this history of the old London missions will be especially welcome. Apart from Roman Catholic churches founded in London after the Reformation, the book gives a slight sketch of Catholic London during the penal times.

Mr. Kakuzu Okakura, the Japanese artist who has a book just appearing with Mr. Murray, is a remarkable man. In a way he may be called the William Morris of Japan, being at the head of a school of art which his own rich personality typifies. He has long been recognised in Japan as the foremost authority on Oriental archæology and art. He was a member of a Special Commission which the Japanese Government sent forth twelve years ago to study the history and movements of European and American art. We are told that:—Far from being overwhelmed by this experience, Mr. Okakura found his appreciation of the Asiatic art deepened and intensified by his travels; and since that time he has made his influence felt increasingly in the direction of a renationalising of Japanese art in opposition to that pseudo-Europeanising tendency now so fashionable throughout the East.

Concerning Fiction.—On February 20 Mr. Heinemann published a novel by Benjamin Swift entitled "In Piccadilly." It is a London story with a leading Scottish character.—"The Heart of a Girl" is a novel by Miss Florence Warden, which Messrs. Chatto are to publish early in March. It will be illustrated.—Mr. Hugh Clifford, C.M.G., has written a story entitled "A Free-Lance of To-day." The scene of it is laid in Acheen, whose inhabitants have been at war with the Dutch for nearly thirty years.—A new series to be known as the Ariel Booklets is to be issued by Messrs. Putnam. It will include famous works of fiction like "The Vicar of Wakefield" and "Cranford."—Dr. William Barry has nearly finished a new novel, which Mr. Fisher Unwin will publish under the title "The Daysspring." It is described as the life story of an eager, earnest soul, striving to rise above the illusion of the senses, to the clear heights of real faith.

Bric-a-Brac.—A little volume containing Archbishop Temple's last speech in the House of Lords, and other "last utterances" is appearing through Messrs. Macmillan.—Mr. Whitelaw Reid contributes an introduction to a "Political History of Slavery," which Messrs. Putnam will publish shortly. It is by an American, Mr. W. H. Smith.—The "Statesman's Year-Book" for the current year is nearly ready. Dr. Scott Keltie, the editor, has again added much new information.—"From a London Garden" is the title of a volume of verse by Mr. St. John Adcock, which Mr. David Nutt will publish very soon.—Sir Walter Besant's posthumous volume of essays and papers, "As We Are and As We May Be," it to be published by Messrs. Chatto.—Messrs. Treherne are publishing a comprehensive account of all the occupations connected with the sea. It is by Mr. Archibald Cowie, at one time the editor "Seafaring."—John Wycliffe is the subject of a volume which Mr. Arthur H. Stockwell announces as the first of a popular series to be called the British Free Church Heroes series.—Messrs. Longmans are issuing, with a series of coloured plates, a new edition of a book of meditations, "The Inheritance of the Saints," which appeared some ten years ago.

Mr. Elliot Stock has issued in the very satisfactory new cheap edition of his "Book Lover's Library" the volume on "The Enemies of Books," by William Blades. The book is too well known and esteemed among book-lovers to need any further recommendation. Books have suffered heavily from enemies of the most diverse kinds—from Christian and heathen, from fire and water, from neglect and from the restorer; but their chief enemies, perhaps have been those of their own household, the worm, the library fire and gas, the housemaid's duster, the criminal crazes of collectors, and the binder's shears.

Apropos of the enemies of books there is, it seems, to be another Omar Club, the new one, however named not after the poet of the "Rubaiyat" but after the book-burning Caliph. The member of the new club is to pledge himself to destroy a certain number of new books in the course of each month, and to dissuade at least two authors. "The Men of the 'Scots Observer'" ought to be elected original members, for they used to do their little best in the way of dissuading. It would be even more in accordance with the principles and practice of its eponymous hero if the club resolved to burn down a library every month ("Free" or "Circulating"). This course would please the people who fuss about microbes, and would give Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Passmore Edwards more opportunities for splendid benefactions.

THE NEXT MOTOR-CAR TRIALS.

HOW MARKS WILL BE AWARDED.

The trials organised by the Automobile Club last September were on a fairly large and extensive scale, but those to be held this year will put them completely in the shade, writes the "Westminster." The sub-committee appointed by the Club to make arrangements for the next trials has recommended a complicated but complete system for the award of marks.

Satisfaction will be general at the decision to examine the accuracy or otherwise of advertised horse power. It is an unfortunate fact that many cars on the market do not give the horse-power alleged on their behalf by enthusiastic manufacturers and salesmen. The horse-power is doubtless given off by the engine, but so much is lost in transmission that the difference between effective horse-power and the original is often considerable. The marks for accuracy of advertised horse-power are to be taken from the best performance of the car on any one hill, and this should prove one of the most interesting and valuable features of the trials. It may be taken that those manufacturers whose cars show up badly in this section will promptly apply themselves to discovering the cause of the loss of power, and making such improvements as will bring the ultimate horse-power nearer to the original.

The mileage marks are to be awarded on a scale of three per mile for each day's run, with a deduction of one mark for each minute of stoppage. The following is the total of marks to be awarded, and it will be noticed how thoroughly each department is covered:

Reliability, 1,500 marks; cleaning, &c., 1,500; hill-climbing, 1,500; condition of car, 500; speed 500; brakes, 250; steering 250; silencer, 250; vibration, 250; dust, 250; restarting on hill, 250; vapour or smoke, 250; appearance, 250; accuracy of horse-power, 250; fuel consumption, 250.

One other item of genuine interest to the buyer is the deduction which is to be made on price limits. On mark will be deducted from the total for every pound sterling of the price of any particular car above the minimum of the class for which it is entered. A broad level will thus be established in each class, making for higher efficiency as a corollary of higher price. Indeed, this is the line the tests will take. The trials should do much to establish the reputations of properly designed and properly built cars, for while some allowance may be made for "luck," the buyer will have a direct guide given him as to which cars give really the best results in all directions in actual running. It will be noted that speed is relegated to an inferior position. Obviously the sub-committee of the Automobile Club recognises that speed is by no means the most important item to the ordinary purchaser and user of a motor-car. It is reliability, in its broadest sense, that requires to be established.

HAMPTON COURT VANDALISM.

ANCIENT TAPESTRIES WILFULLY DAMAGED.

Has one of the numerous Hampton Court ghosts become materialised and armed itself with a knife? If yes, one can account for some recent mysterious outrages. If no—well, there ought to be work for the police.

Another act of vandalism is reported to have been committed at Hampton Court. This time it is one of the tapestries in the Horn Room, adjoining the Great Hall, that has been considerably damaged by something sharp. Detectives from Scotland Yard are investigating the affair. The damaged tapestry is the centre one of three old Flemish pieces, enclosed within an old carved oak railing. It is slashed in the foreground, and the cut, very clean and of semi-circular shape, is some six inches in extent, completely penetrating the tapestry.

This is the second wanton act committed at the Palace within the past few weeks, the first occurring at the end of December, when two valuable paintings by Holbein and Kneller were damaged, and a short time before that, although not generally known, a handsome brass lock in the State apartments was divested of its scroll work.

ENGLISH BOY'S CLIMBING ADVENTURE.

The Alpine climbing season of 1903 has already begun, and the Berne correspondent of the "New York Herald" states that though accidents have occurred no fatalities as yet have taken place. An English boy, aged fifteen, whose parents are stopping at St. Moritz at the Kulm Hotel, went for a climb "on his own account" without informing his parents. As he did not return at night the proprietor of the hotel organised a search party, consisting of twenty persons, who scouted the neighbourhood the whole night without success. It was only the following day that the boy was found in a farmhouse. He had lost his way, and had taken refuge in the nearest habitation, where he had been well treated. The Paris correspondent of the "Advertiser" says that the brothers Henderson, of London, accompanied by three guides, crossed the Col de Theodule, 10,900 feet in height, on skis, and arrived at Zermatt safely the same day. Only twice before has this arduous feat been done within the last eight years.

THE DEED OF A HERO.

A jump from Vauxhall Bridge to save a drowning lad at eight o'clock on the bitterest night of a bitter winter—January 15 last—is well worthy of recognition. At Earl's Court the hero, Mr. Walter Wilkins, a young clerk in the employ of the London Exhibitions, Limited, was presented by the directors with a handsome silver watch, made by Spiers and Pond, and bearing a record of his gallant action. Wilkins has also been the recipient of a worthy silver medal specially designed and struck by Spink, of Piccadilly, to the order of some eye-witnesses of the plucky rescue.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON TUESDAY THE 24TH FEBRUARY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure has increased almost everywhere, the rise being brisk in Berar and at Deesa, Sholapur, Masulipatam and Madras. It is considerably above normal. Gradients are moderate.

Winds are north-westerly to south-westerly at Ahmednagar, Bhavnagar, Karachi and Jhansi, while north-easterly to south-easterly breezes or calms prevail elsewhere. The force has been moderate to light.

Temperature.—The maximum temperature is from 5° to 8° above the average at Bhavnagar and Jacobabad, and the minimum from 6° to 9° at Nagapatam, Bijapur, Sholapur, Ahmednagar, Ahmedabad, Jacobabad and Lahore. The maximum varied from 75° at Lahore to 97° at Surat and the minimum from 45° at Cawnpore and Allahabad to 79° at Negapatam.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast in several places. Humidity has increased considerably at Colombo, Masulipatam, Bijapur, Rajkot, Dwarka and Jamnagar.

Rain in light showers is reported from Colombo.

Weather continues fine.

Yesterday's Simla report says:—"Barometer has continued falling briskly in Baluchistan and the depression is apparently advancing eastwards. Skies are cloudy in Baluchistan."

E. A. KENYON.
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

Dr. L. Restrepo, of Medellin, has reported, through the British Legation, Bogota, Colombia, that he has found the husk of the coffee-bean useful in malarial fever as also in influenza and chronic dysentery. His prescription is:—Coffee-husk, 30 grams; water, 400 grams. Boil for five minutes; strain. Take a small cupful six times a day. Malarial cases are said to have recovered through this treatment without complication and with freedom from the prostration which usually accompanies attacks. Preparations of unroasted coffee have long been used in malaria, notably by the Dutch in their East Indian possessions, but the therapeutic use of the husk is a new suggestion. Dr. Restrepo is anxious that analysis of the husk should be undertaken, in order, if possible, to discover to what principle it owes the medical properties he describes.

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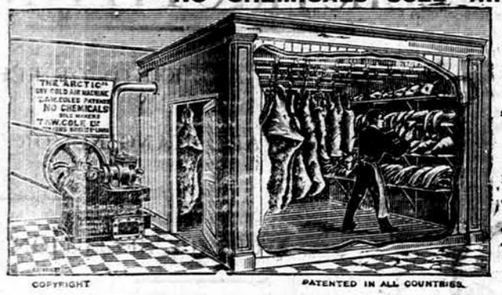

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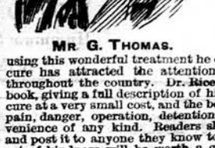

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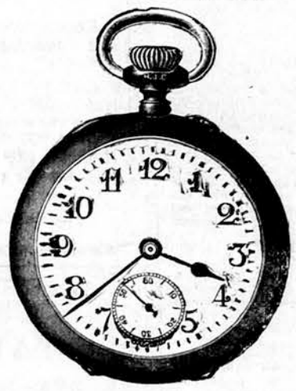

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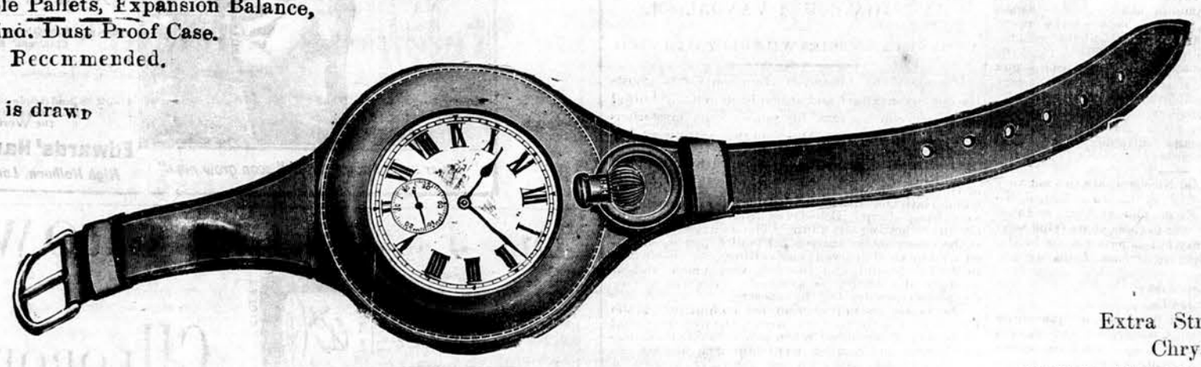

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